



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

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The Faithful Clergy of  
the Holy Metropolis of Denver

Beloved in the Lord,

## **Christ is Risen!**

*Again we pray for the protection of this holy church, this city, and every city and land, from wrath, pestilence, famine, earthquake, flood, fire, sword, foreign invasions, civil strife, and accidental death. That our good God Who loves mankind may be merciful, gracious and favorable to us by turning and diverting from us all wrath and sickness impending against us, and deliver us from His just rebuke, and have mercy on us.*

This petition from the Great Litany of Fervent Supplication is particularly pertinent at this time in our nation's, and in the world's, history. As of today, there have been 111 confirmed cases of swine flu reported by the Centers for Disease Control. Of these, 30 have been within the region of this Metropolis: 26 in Texas, 2 in Kansas, and 2 in Colorado. The one death in Texas has also been in our Metropolis.

I ask that throughout the duration of what threatens to be a worldwide pandemic each of you schedule and hold the Paraklesis Service to the Virgin Mary in your churches, as often as is appropriate to your parish even daily.

I furthermore ask each of you to pray this petition in your daily prayers during this period.

In the beautiful and powerful Paraklesis to the Theotokos, as well as in your personal prayers, you should, of course, seek the intercessions of the Mother of God for all needs, but especially beseech her protection of the Church and the world during this time when so many lives are at peril from this pestilence (*loimós*).

With Paternal Blessings,

✠ Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver

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