



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

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The Clergy and Faithful Members  
Of the Greek Orthodox Parishes  
Of Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming

Beloved in the Lord,

It has once again been brought to my attention that a former priest has reportedly celebrated baptisms and marriages as well as funerals in this region. Individuals have also inquired of me about whether such services are recognized by the Orthodox Church.

Although this has gone on for many years, I have not formally spoken on the matter. But since I have been contacted repeatedly, and now more frequently, I now have no choice but to inform you of the following.

I wrote to Mr. Steve Prodromides in a letter dated July 10, 1996 that we were in receipt of a letter from the Ecumenical Patriarchate stating that the Holy Synod, after careful deliberation and by Synodical Decree, defrocked him as a priest effective January 11, 1994. I also told him that since that time he is recognized as a layman in the Church without the right of practicing the responsibilities of the holy priesthood.

I further informed him that the same decree of January 11, 1994 further states that all who receive sacramental services from him are to be excommunicated as members of the Church under the Lordship of Christ the Pantokrator.

Therefore, in response to the inquiries placed before me I have no choice but to make this information public. Mr. Steve Prodromides has not been recognized as a Greek Orthodox priest since January 1994. Furthermore, the Orthodox Church does not recognize any baptisms, marriages, or funerals he may have performed since that date. Moreover, any faithful members of our parishes who may have participated in these should contact their priest to discuss the matter.

With Paternal Blessings,

✠ Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver