



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

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The Pious Pastors and Esteemed Parish Councils of  
the Holy Metropolis of Denver

Beloved in the Lord,

It is the time of year for holding the Autumn Parish Assembly and the subsequent Parish Council elections. I therefore ask that you exhort the parishioners to choose individuals "of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom" (*cf. Acts 6:3*) who will administer the temporal affairs of the parish in cooperation with the Proistamenos.

To assist you in this process, and to ensure that I will be able to expeditiously ratify your parish council elections, I have prepared instructions which conform to the 2006 Uniform Parish Regulations of our holy Archdiocese. These instructions can be downloaded at [www.denver.goarch.org/parishcouncil/](http://www.denver.goarch.org/parishcouncil/) by clicking on "**Instructions.**" Please note that Parish Council elections will not be ratified unless all of the indicated forms are submitted.

Since you must reproduce the required forms locally, I have prepared blank copies of them which can be reproduced onto your parish letterhead. These documents, in Microsoft Word format, are also accessible at [www.denver.goarch.org/parishcouncil/](http://www.denver.goarch.org/parishcouncil/) by clicking on the box at the left side of the web page marked "**Forms.**" Please remember that these forms must be printed on your parish letterhead. If absolutely necessary, you may call the Metropolis Office and request that the instructions and the forms be mailed to you.

## Note

**The package contains the forms you are to use this Autumn 2009 to elect members of the 2010 Parish Council; forms from previous years can not, and will not, be accepted.**

The most common reason for not being able to ratify elections is failure to properly prepare and submit the declaration regarding the parish Total Commitment obligation. I must receive the declaration regarding your 2009 and 2010 Total Commitment to the National Ministries of our holy Archdiocese before I can ratify your elections.

## Note

**Your 2010 Total Commitment is a proportional allocation of the \$1,043,280 Metropolis assessment, and is being calculated by the Archdiocese. This is in accordance with the new methodology approved at the 2008 Clergy-Laity Congress held in Washington, DC.**

I pray that the Lord will bless each ongoing and each newly-elected council member with the wisdom and strength to continue serving Him as a faithful member of the Parish Council.

With Paternal Blessings,

✠ Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver

**MAY BE PRINTED IN THE PARISH BULLETIN**