



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

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Reverend Clergy, Pious Monastics,  
and Faithful Members of  
The Metropolis of Denver

Beloved in the Lord,

Since its formal establishment as a diocese in 1979, the Metropolis of Denver has achieved many significant milestones, including construction of the beautiful Metropolis Center in Denver. Over that time period the Metropolis has matured in both identity and function through the establishment of administrative procedures, the creation of new parish communities, and the networking of faithful parishioners across our vast region.

The Metropolis of Denver now finds itself in a position to take further steps forward in the service of its parishes and the people of God. In this context, three initial areas of focus have been identified for the strengthening of Christ's Church in our Metropolis; 1) Continued education and training of clergy, 2) Parish health and growth, and 3) The establishment of new parish communities.

When the Metropolis Center was completed in 2002, work space was designated for a "home missions office," but sadly that space has remained vacant due to a lack of financial resources. Through recent efforts of the Metropolis Council, and the creation of the Metropolis Development Fund, we now anticipate the creation of this new office of the Metropolis in response to the high calling our Lord offers to us in the Gospel.

The launch of this new office is still in the future, however the foundation is currently being laid through resource development efforts and the commitment of Father Theodore Dorrance, who will assume leadership as director. Father Dorrance will join the Metropolis of Denver this summer after having served as President and Director of the Metropolis of San Francisco's Commission of Orthodox Missions and Evangelism (C.O.M.E) which was founded in 1991. I am confident that through his direction and the cooperative work of many, we will make great strides to the glory of God and for the benefit of all who seek salvation in His Kingdom.

As well, in order to achieve designated goals which will strengthen the Metropolis, we have hired a new staff member, Ms. Secia Papilion, as Director of Resource Development. Ms. Papilion's extensive experience and knowledge of non-profit fundraising, paired with deep faith and devotion to the Church, make her a profound blessing to the Metropolis and our parishes.

May our Lord bless the efforts of Father Dorrance, Ms. Papilion, and all of us as we seek to better serve Christ and His Church in this holy Metropolis of Denver.

With paternal blessings,

*+Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver*

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