

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:
Sunday, April 10, 2011**

Special Announcement

Please do not throw away your bulletins.

If you do not want to take it home with you, please place it in the designated basket that is in the Narthex. Thank you!

The **Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly** is scheduled for May 12th to 15th and will be hosted by St. George in Albuquerque, NM. The guest speaker for the Assembly will be New York Times best-selling author Frank Schaeffer. Each parish may be represented by up to 4 individuals including: the parish priest, the parish council president, and two members from the parish at large. If you are interested in attending and representing Transfiguration at the Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly, please contact the office or Brandon Suehs as soon as possible so that arrangements for registration can be made.

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

GOLF will be held on Thursday, April 14 at 9:30am.

Please come and join us for our study of Great Lent by Alexander Schmemmann
Children are welcome!

Philotochos News

- Book Store news— we have some newly arrived Study Bibles that include the Old and New Testaments. There are 2 different cover selections to choose. Holy Week books are also available in the book store *and* in the Narthex for your convenience. We also have some very nice gift items for Easter giving. Stop by and look at our icons, crosses, pendants and incense.
- Homemade holiday breads are going to be sold on Palm Sunday. Please sign up and place your order! Save your time and let us help you during the holiday. Buy your bread today!
- We are still looking for some bakers! This is a perfect time to do your part for Philotochos. Stop by the table and help by signing up. Thank you!
- Scrip (gift) cards are always available! Come and see what we have to offer. Summertime is around the corner, so think about those movie cards for the kids! We can get whatever cards you would like in one week. Proceeds will help Transfiguration!

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Jim & Elizabeth George, Gianakopoulos, Gimenez, Glarakis, Glaros

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Harris, Poulos, Foster, Garwood, Gatlin, Effie & Anthony George, Patricia & Jean George

Next week's Luncheon Sponsor:

Crissi and George Gianakopoulos

Thank you to today's usher:

Marko Bjeletich

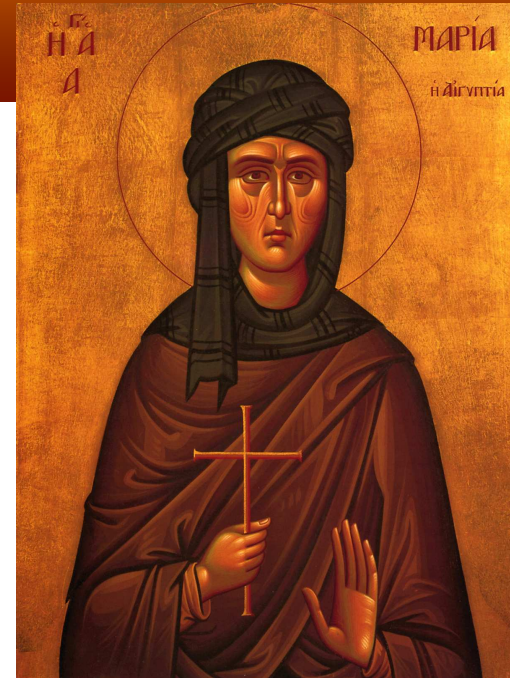
Next week's usher will be:

The Parish Council

Sunday Bulletin

April 10, 2011

**SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**



**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

ORTHROS 8:45AM; DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM

Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos

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Brethren, but Christ, Who came as High Priest of the coming good things, by means of the greater and more perfect tabernacle—not made by hand, that is, not of this creation, nor by blood of goats and of calves, but by His own blood—entered once for all into the holies, having Himself obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and of goats and ashes of a heifer, sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctifieth to the purity of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of the Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works in order to worship the living God?



Ἀδελφοί, Χριστὸς δὲ παραγενόμενος ἀρχιερεὺς τῶν μελλόντων ἀγαθῶν, διὰ τῆς μείζονος καὶ τελειοτέρας σκηνῆς, οὐ χειροποιήτου, τοῦτ' ἔστιν, οὐ ταύτης τῆς κτίσεως, οὐδὲ δι' αἵματος τράγων καὶ μόσχων, διὰ δὲ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος εἰσηλθὲν ἐφάπαξ εἰς τὰ ἅγια, αἰωνίαν λύτρωσιν εὐράμενος. Εἰ γὰρ τὸ αἷμα ταύρων καὶ τράγων, καὶ σποδὸς δαμάλεως ῥαντίζουσα τοὺς κεκοινωμένους, ἀγιάζει πρὸς τὴν τῆς σαρκὸς καθαρότητα, πόσῳ μᾶλλον τὸ αἷμα τοῦ χριστοῦ, ὃς διὰ πνεύματος αἰωνίου ἑαυτὸν προσήνεγκεν ἄμωμον τῷ θεῷ, καθαριεῖ τὴν συνείδησιν ὑμῶν ἀπὸ νεκρῶν ἔργων, εἰς τὸ λατρεύειν θεῷ ζῶντι;

Saturday of Lazarus, April 16

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Following Divine Liturgy we will have our Annual Sunday School Pancake Breakfast where the community will be offered breakfast while they participate in an activity organized by our HOPE/JOY group. Following breakfast we will then fold the palms into the crosses that are distributed on Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon

Make plans to attend our *delicious* fish luncheon next Sunday, sponsored by Crissi and George Gianakopoulos!

All proceeds of this luncheon will go to our church.

Break the Fast Altogether following the Paschal Resurrection Service !

Please join us following the Resurrection Service on April 24th (~2:00) for a “Break the Fast” potluck meal!

Bring your favorite food that you havemissed so much during the fast to share with each other!

Contact Stuart Yoder stuyoder@gmail.com or Marko Bjeletich mbjeletich@gmail.com. if you have any questions.

ANNUAL PASCHA PICNIC! April 24, 2011

Following the 1:00pm Agape Service

We will have 5 delicious “lamb on the spit” luncheon with all the trimmings, hamburgers and hot dogs for the kids, and jumping castles and fun activities for EVERYONE! Tickets are \$15 for adults, children are free!

Flower Donations

We are asking for donations of potted Easter Lilies for the church for Palm Sunday.

If possible, please bring one or two pots of lilies to church anytime in the week before Palm Sunday (April 11 - 16).

We are also collecting contributions for all the flowers for Holy Week.

You may offer a check or cash. There is a tray in the Narthex for this purpose. Please indicate on your contribution “Flower Donation.” Thank you and have a blessed Lent.



INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

MOTHER'S DAY SUNSET DINNER CRUISE ON LADY BIRD LAKE

Sunday May 8th, 2011
5:30pm to 7:30pm
Capital Cruises
208 Barton Springs Road
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Avoid the restaurant line-ups and honor mothers everywhere aboard a sunset cruise! Tickets include a sit-down dinner, drinks, dessert, and live music!

All proceeds will help IOCC assist moms and their families throughout the world.

Limited Discounted Tickets – \$40
Regular – \$50

Children under 12 – \$15

For more information or to purchase tickets online, please visit

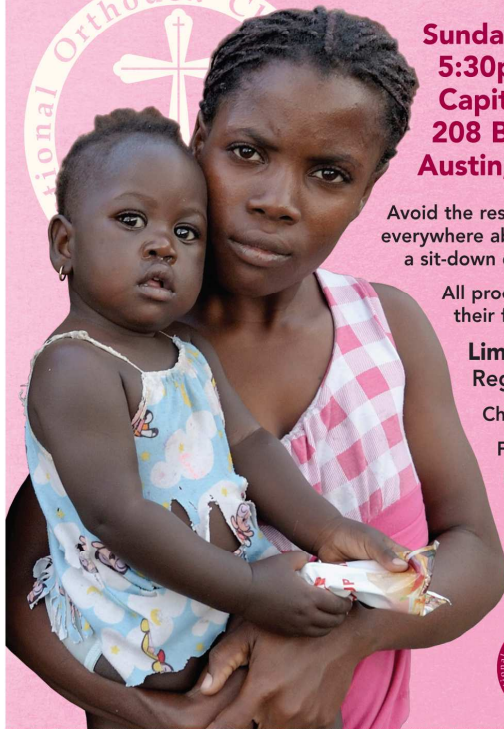
www.iocc.org/austin

QUESTIONS?

Contact us at AustinMet@iocc.org
or 512-716-5788.



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Yes, I would like to save IOCC money and help preserve the environment. Please e-mail my tax receipt electronically to the address provided above.

IOCC AUSTIN METROPOLITAN COMMITTEE

For more information or to purchase tickets online, please visit www.iocc.org/Austin.
Questions? Contact us at AustinMet@iocc.org or 512-716-5788.

Number of adult tickets:
_____ x \$40.00 = _____

Number of child tickets:
_____ x \$15.00 = _____

My check is enclosed.

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St. Elias Orthodox Church
408 East 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701-2617

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At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παραλαμβάνει ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς δώδεκα μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἤρξατο αὐτοῖς λέγειν τὰ μέλλοντα αὐτῷ συμβαίνειν, ὅτι Ἰδοὺ ἀναβαίνομεν εἰς Ἱερουσόλυμα, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδοθήσεται τοῖς ἀρχιερεῦσιν καὶ τοῖς γραμματεῦσιν, καὶ κατακρινούσιν αὐτὸν θανάτῳ καὶ παραδώσουσιν αὐτὸν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν καὶ ἐμπαίξουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ ἐμπτύσουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ μαστιγώσουσιν αὐτὸν καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν, καὶ μετὰ τρεῖς ἡμέρας ἀναστήσεται. Καὶ προσπορεύονται αὐτῷ Ἰακώβος καὶ Ἰωάννης οἱ υἱοὶ Ζεβεδαίου λέγοντες αὐτῷ, Διδάσκαλε, θέλομεν ἵνα ὁ ἐὰν αἰτήσωμέν σε ποιήσης ἡμῖν. Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, Τί θέλετέ [με] ποιήσω ὑμῖν; οἱ δὲ εἶπαν αὐτῷ, Δὸς ἡμῖν ἵνα εἰς σου ἐκ δεξιῶν καὶ εἰς ἐξ ἀριστερῶν καθίσωμεν ἐν τῇ δόξῃ σου. Ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, Οὐκ οἶδατε τί αἰτεῖσθε. δύνασθε πιεῖν τὸ ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω, ἢ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθῆναι; οἱ δὲ εἶπαν αὐτῷ, Δυνάμεθα. Ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, Τὸ ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω πίεσθε καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθήσεσθε, τὸ δὲ καθῆσαι ἐκ δεξιῶν μου ἢ ἐξ εὐωνύμων οὐκ ἔστιν ἐμὸν δοῦναι, ἀλλ' οἷς ἠτοίμαστα. Καὶ ἀκούσαντες οἱ δέκα ἤρξαντο ἀγανακτεῖν περὶ Ἰακώβου καὶ Ἰωάννου. Καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος αὐτοὺς ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγει αὐτοῖς, Οἶδατε ὅτι οἱ δοκοῦντες ἀρχεῖν τῶν ἐθνῶν κατακυριεύουσιν αὐτῶν καὶ οἱ μεγάλοι αὐτῶν κατεξουσιάζουσιν αὐτῶν. Οὐχ οὕτως δὲ ἔστιν ἐν ὑμῖν· ἀλλ' ὅς ἂν θέλη μέγας γενέσθαι ἐν ὑμῖν, ἔσται ὑμῶν διάκονος, καὶ ὅς ἂν θέλη ἐν ὑμῖν εἶναι πρῶτος, ἔσται πάντων δοῦλος· καὶ γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου οὐκ ἦλθεν διακονηθῆναι ἀλλὰ διακονῆσαι καὶ δοῦναι τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ λύτρον ἀντὶ πολλῶν.

Hymns for Today

Resurrection Hymn (1st Plagal Tone)

“Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we both praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure and He raised unto life the dead through His all glorious resurrection.”

Hymn for Saint Mary of Egypt

“In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother; for taking up thy cross, thou did follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou did teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passes away, but to attend the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Mary, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.”

Hymn for Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

“Metemorphosis en to ori, Christe o Theos, dixas tis mathites Sou tin doxan Sou, kathos I dynando Lampson ke imin tis amarto lis to fos Sou to aidion, presvies tis Theotokou Fotodoto doxa Si.”

“When O Christ our God Thou wast Transfigured on the mountain Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.”

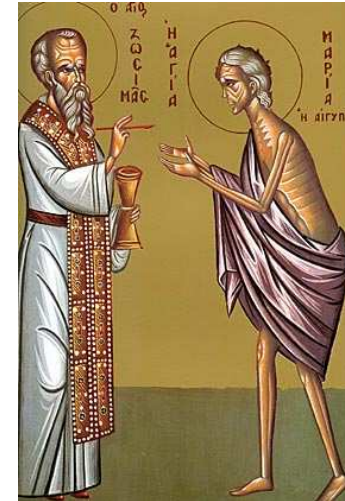
Kontakion for the 5th Sunday of Great Lent

“A protection of Christians unshamable, Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, reject not, the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; Your loving help bring unto us, Who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, As a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.”

Hymn in Place of Axion Estin

“In thee who art full of grace, all creation rejoiceth: both the congregations of angels and the human race. O consecrated temple and spiritual paradise, the boast of virgins, from thee was God incarnate and became a child, He our God Who existed before the ages; for He made thy womb a throne and He made and He made thee more spacious than the heavens. In thee who art full of grace all creation rejoiceth. Glory be to thee.

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt



The memory of this Saint is celebrated on April 1, where her life is recorded. Since the end of the holy Forty Days is drawing nigh, it has been appointed for this day also, so that if we think it hard to practice a little abstinence forty days, we might be roused by the heroism of her who fasted in the wilderness forty-seven years; and also that the great loving-kindness of God, and His readiness to receive the repentant, might be demonstrated in very deed.

You can read the beautiful story of St. Mary and St. Zosimas on the Lenten Journey section of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese website:

http://lent.goarch.org/saint_mary_of_egypt/learn/



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

March 30, 2011

Protocol 11-9

All the Pious Clergy and Faithful Parishioners of
The Holy Metropolis of Denver

Beloved in the Lord,

As all of you know, the major earthquake in Japan a few weeks ago has brought major catastrophe to that small nation. The continuing earth tremors and the second, most recent, earthquake has exacerbated this major disaster.

Presently, the radiation which is escaping from the damaged nuclear power plants has increased, especially in the sea water that is close by. The most horrendous reality is that thousands upon thousands of men, women, and children have died on the land or been carried out to sea to their horrible deaths. It will not be surprising if the total death toll reaches at least 50,000 victims.

As members of the Body of Christ, the Church, we are here to help others in their time of need. God did not put us here just to look after ourselves, but to be selfless in our daily lives and to see how we can help others when necessary. Our Lord Jesus Christ gave the supreme example to us by leaving heaven and coming down here to earth, humbling Himself, so that we can live forever with Him in His coming Kingdom. He clearly said that He did not become one of us so that He would be served, but He came to serve us in our need. He expects us, His children, to do the same.

With this letter, I am asking everyone in this Metropolis – adults, young people, and children – to contribute as much as you can in monetary gifts to send to IOCC so that our Orthodox Christian organization can offer as much help as possible to the Japanese people in general, and not only to the Orthodox Christian Japanese who are among those who are suffering in and around Tokyo and in the hardest-hit areas. I know that this Metropolis can gather over \$100,000 for this holy and sacred cause. What a wonderful way to show our preparation for Holy Week and Pascha by giving essential funds for the welfare of the suffering Japanese people!

Please send individual checks, as well as checks from the parishes, the Philoptochos chapters, and all other parish organizations, in the name of IOCC, to the Metropolis office. From here the monies will be forwarded on to the IOCC. All checks will be receipted and the receipts will be sent to the names and addresses found on the checks or the address you declare in your gift envelope.

May our loving God bless all of you who will participate in this emergency endeavor. And may the coming services of Holy Week and Pascha bring much joy and spiritual blessings to your hearts.

With Paternal Blessings,

✠ Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver

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WELCOME VISITORS!

We welcome all new visitors who worshipped with us this morning.
Please join us next door after service for coffee and fellowship.
There is material in the entrance of the church regarding ministries and events
of our community. Please sign our guest book!

Receiving Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is reserved for only baptized and/or chrismated Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared by fasting, prayer and confession. The Orthodox Church is not in sacramental communion with any other church outside the Orthodox Christian Faith.

If you are not Orthodox, you are invited with everyone to receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the end of service.

If you would like information about the Orthodox Church and becoming an Orthodox Christian, please see Father Vasileios after services.

Please allow the Church School children and teachers to go to Holy Communion first so they can leave for their classes. All others should wait until the ushers dismiss you by rows to receive Communion.

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

Dolly, Betty, Arlena, Sophie, Archie, Lou, Thomas, Kathy, Suzanne, Pat, Steve, Nina, Phyllis, Katheryn, Panayioti, Anna, Margaret, Sami, Ibrahim, Mary, George, Susan, Matthew, Ellen, Gary, Katina, Nelda, Nick, Elaine, Fotini, Malone, Tracy, Richard, Lilly, Kimberly, Dion, Jamil, Dimitrios, Lisa, Maggie, Mindy, Joan, Nakis, Estela, Micky, Kiane, Lari, Ed, Sally, Mariana, Brian, Kaeley, Tristan, Matt, Jeff, Sophia, Konstandinos, Angela, Jennifer, Rose Marie, Elia, Bilyana, Maria, Susan, Xenophon, Jane, Romeo, Clara, Costa, Cindy, Philip, Trey, Barbara, Evangia, Michael, Jeffrey, Victoria, Nicole, Anastasia, Katie, Suzanne, Katie, Stella, Michael, Nicole, George, Hunter

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES:

Sgt. Jennifer D. Atkinson, Staff Sgt. John Atkinson, Lt. Col. Dave Romine,
Capt. James Alfaro, Staff Sgt. Deane Anderson,
Captain William Willett, Maj. Timothy Ullman, Major Chris Chase

Service Schedule for the 6th week of Lent

Monday, April 11th - **Compline**, 6:00pm

Wednesday, April 13th - **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**, 6:00pm

Saturday, April 16th - **Lazarus Saturday Orthros**, 9:00am; **Liturgy**, 10:00am

Pancake breakfast and palm folding following

Saturday Great Vespers - 6:00pm



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

March 28, 2011

Protocol 11-8

All Parish Clergy and
The Faithful Members of
The Holy Metropolis of Denver

Beloved in the Lord,

It has recently been brought to my attention that there are questions regarding membership in our parishes and member participation in General Assemblies and other parish gatherings.

The matter is very clear and simple, since it is succinctly defined in Article 18 of the Uniform Parish Regulations (UPR). Every person who is baptized and chrismated according to the rites of the Orthodox Church is a "parishioner."

Being a "parishioner," however, does not in and of itself mean that one can participate in a General Assembly or be a candidate for election to the parish council. For that matter, merely being a "parishioner" does not — again, in and of itself — mean that one can receive the Sacraments, be a sponsor at a Baptism or Marriage, or receive an Orthodox funeral. All of these are afforded only to Orthodox Christian parishioners who are in "good standing."

As further defined in the Article 18 of the UPR, a "parishioner in good standing" is one who practices the religious, moral and social duties expected of him or her and who applies the tenets of the Orthodox Faith to his or her life. Specifically, these duties are: to attend frequently the Divine Liturgy and also the other worship services; to participate regularly in the holy sacraments; to respect all ecclesiastical authority and all governing bodies of the Church; to be obedient in matters of the Faith, practice and ecclesiastical order; to contribute toward the progress of the Church's sacred mission; and to be an effective witness and example of the Orthodox Faith and Tradition to all people

Furthermore, a "parishioner in good standing" must be eighteen years of age or over; must be current in his or her stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish; must abide by all the stipulations of the UPR and of the Parish Bylaws; and must cooperate in every way toward the welfare and well being of the Parish.

Those who are not Orthodox, and who are therefore not parishioners in good standing, have been allowed to be present at our General Assemblies, especially if they are catechumens or seriously inquiring into the Orthodox faith. Obviously, however, they are not permitted to speak, participate, or vote on matters under consideration at the Assembly.

Similarly, non-Orthodox spouses have been allowed to be present at General Assemblies but, since they cannot be members in good standing as defined by the UPR, and since their names can therefore not be listed on the rosters of the assemblies, they may not speak, vote, or participate in any way.

I trust this clearly settles any question regarding this matter in the parishes of our Metropolis.

With Paternal Blessings,

✠ Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver

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GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

March 18, 2011

Protocol 11-07

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

Beloved in the Lord,

The weekend of the Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly and the Metropolis Philoptochos Conference is quickly approaching.

All parish priests of this Metropolis are expected to attend the fellowship and retreat beginning Tuesday evening, May 10 and continuing throughout the day on Wednesday and on Thursday morning, May 11 and 12, 2011. If there is an emergency situation that precludes their attendance, I expect to hear from them in writing as soon as possible.

Parish Councils are reminded that the parish is obligated by the terms of the Uniform Parish Regulations, and by my assignment of your priest to your parish, to cover all of his expenses in traveling to, lodging at, and registration for, the retreat and the Clergy/Laity Assembly.

The parish councils are also expected to send at least two delegates who can be eligible as candidates for the new 2011 and 2012 Metropolis Council. Present members of the Metropolis Council can be delegates from their parishes.

The upcoming Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly and Metropolis Philoptochos Conference will convene at the Saint George parish in Albuquerque, New Mexico on Friday, May 13, 2011 and Saturday May 14, 2011. Registration and information forms are being mailed to each parish from the host coordinating committee in Albuquerque.

Let all our people, clergy and laity, come together three weeks after Pascha to commit ourselves and one another to Christ our God as we discuss and make plans for the ongoing programs and for the future of our Metropolis.

With Paternal Blessings,

✠ Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver

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