

**AUTONOMOUS ORTHODOX METROPOLIS (GOC)
OF ECUADOR AND ALL LATINAMERICA**



Metropolitan and Archbishop +Chrysóstomos

Anástasis Monastery, Quito, Ecuador, 05 April 2018

HOLY THURSDAY

To my most respected and most honored Brother and Co-Hierarch in Christ our Lord His Eminence Metropolitan and Archbishop MOSES of the Autonomous Metropolitanate of Myreon in Germany and Europe

To my respected and honored Archmandrite Fr. Iisus and Fr. Ioannes, members of the Holy Monastery of Saint Gabriel Archangel seat of the Holy Metropolitanate

And to all the priests, deacons, monks, parish councils, church organizations and the faithful of your Holy Metropolitanate

My beloved and so missed Brother in the episcopate +MOSES and my faith family in Germany:

I greet you with love and joy in my heart in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as we prayerfully live this days in union of prayers His Passion and glorious Resurrection, and I will extend my paternal blessings and love to all souls who I consider my spiritual family, with best wishes for a joyous and blessed Holy Pascha.

My beloved ones, come; let us adore the Holy Resurrection of Christ, for, behold, through the Cross joy has come to the world.

“Many indeed are the miracles of that time:
God crucified; the sun darkened and again rekindled;
for it was fitting that the creatures should suffer with their Creator;
the veil rent; the Blood and Water shed from His Side;
the one as from a man, the other as above man;
the rocks rent for the Rock's sake;
the dead raised for a pledge of the final Resurrection of all men;
the Signs at the Sepulchre and after the Sepulchre,

which none can worthily celebrate;
and yet none of these equal to the Miracle of my salvation.”

St. Gregory the Theologian, Second Paschal Prayer

As we look forward to Holy Week and prepare ourselves for the Resurrection of Christ, let us adore the all-Holy Lord Jesus, the only Sinless One. Let us bow in worship before His Cross, praying that we may truly open our hearts to His Divine Resurrection and proclaim with one mind and one heart, Christ Is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Particularly Your Metropolis have this year a double big feast, because the Holy Pascha its been celebrate at same time for Our Ecclesiastic Calendar for the feast of Holy Annunciation, and the next day (just Sunday) the big feast of Holy Archangel Gabriel, your Patron of the first Metropolitan Monastery. Then I will unite Our Great Joy of Pascha with your particular Joy of the Saint Gabriel Monastery in Leinatal. I will congratulate and celebrate for this blessed coincidence.

During this season of light, I ask you to remember me in your personal prayers, as I will remember you. May the blessings of the Lord be with you always and may you walk in peace and love in the new light of His Resurrection! In the great expectation of your very soon 1st canonical visit to Latin-American lands, and with the happiness to see you again, Wishing you and your loved ones a plenty of grace season of Pascha.

Καλό Πάσχα, I prayerfully remain,

Brotherly yours with love in our Risen Lord,

Εκκαθολικός Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αμερικής
Χρυσόστομος
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