

May 11, 2021

Statement

Christ is risen!

I take full responsibility for going to the "Stop The Steal" rally in Washington DC on January sixth. In standing up for democracy, I did what I thought was the right thing to do. I regret that my attendance at the rally was misinterpreted by some as politically motivated and not exclusively expressing concern about U.S. election integrity, which was and remains my only concern.

I absolutely repudiate and unequivocally condemn any and all violence committed in DC or anywhere this past year. I did not take part in any violence or any law breaking, nor was I or rally attendees around me aware of any violence planned by infiltrators.

As Orthodox Christians we often offer a brother an apology, for no other reason than that offense has been taken. In that spirit, I apologize to those unknown to me who complained to His Eminence. Anyone wishing a fuller explanation of my actions may contact me at: fr.mark.hodges@juno.com

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. Rev. Dr. Mark Hodges", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

V. Rev. Dr. Mark Hodges

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