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2026 Easter Message from our Pastor

My Dear St. Michael Parishioners:

Christ Is Risen! Christós Voskrése!

Spring! The beautiful time we are in when the weather gets warm, the birds start singing, the sun is bright and the trees begin to bud. It is a season bursting with new life and I think spring couldn't get here soon enough this year with the extremely cold and snowy winter we had.

As much as we yearn for spring, even more deeply do we yearn for our lives to be great. Some of us are very aware of our need for new life, a change. We may regret bad choices, or have the scars and wounds from traumas that were beyond our control. We may feel overwhelmed at times, trapped, or hopeless. We may have allowed patterns of addiction to rule our lives because they make things more bearable. By addiction, I don't mean just drugs, alcohol, social media, or nicotine. Staying up to the wee hours gaming, binge-watching, snap-chatting or using TV can be an addiction. Making sure there is constant noise in the house, being overly-committed and constantly "busy", shopping, trying to be in control all the time, isolating myself, or making sure I am always with someone are all activities designed to numb the pain.

"What pain?" you might ask. We often fail to recognize the symptoms of pain. We have been made by Love and for Love. God made us for Himself, and no amount of pleasure, possessions, popularity or power will fill this deepest longing. We will only find true life in Him. We will only find true love when we let God love us. His life and His love are already present within you. They are like seeds buried in the soil, ready to burst forth. The problem is you keep piling up snow every time you reject God's will for you and turn to sin. The things you use to cope with life are actually delaying the springtime of your soul.

Easter invites us in a way where Lent left off...to stop coping and to start really living. Living your faith, Living church life, Living a prayer life, Living in a deep relationship with the Risen Christ. Turn to God and let the warmth of His love melt the cold and snow that might be in your heart. Then God's love will begin to blossom and overflow in you.



Your Pastor & Protopresbyter (Dean),

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