

April 20, 2020

Dear Holy Archangel Michael's Serbian Orthodox Church Community in Hibbing, MN,

Christ is Risen!

I greet you, on this most Holy and most Brilliant Bright Monday, in the Lord Who has Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and bestowing life to those in the tombs!

Those of us who have dwelt in the tombs of our hearts for the past 40 plus days are now really feeling the illuminated lightness of the Resurrected Jesus Christ!

As time goes on, and if we truly struggle to live the Orthodox Christian way of life, we truly begin to taste the sweet fruits (or hams, lambs, steaks) of our Lord's Resurrection. If we put in the work, or at least begin to put in the work, our illumined heart-mind connection begins to take over the heavy lifting and carry our cross for us. Just like Simon the Cyrenian who carried Christ's Cross for Him (Mk.15:21). Then, year after year, without even noticing, we live more and more in the Resurrection. Until, we are hopefully, and Lord mercifully willing, united with Christ our savior in the Jerusalem on High where Pascha never ends!

May He Who Rose from the dead, trampling down death by death and bestowing life to those in the tombs, Christ our True God have mercy on us and save us all. Amen.

Indeed He is Risen!

With the blessings of God,
Father Constantine "Dean" Franck