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At Easter 2023

Dear St. Luke Parishioners, Dear brothers and sisters,

The beauty of the awakening nature in the Spring reminds us of the bright nature of Christ's Resurrection and His victory over death. His victory is also our victory, because He, God the Logos, became a human being to save the human race from its bondage to death through sin. And thus, sharing in the joy of the victory of life over death, we are reminded of the angelic words with which Christ's faithful disciples, Myrrhbearing women, were greeted at his tomb:

"Go in haste and proclaim to the world that, having conquered Death, the Lord is risen; for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind."

(Hypakoe of the Paschal Canon)

In accordance with this divine exhortation, we Orthodox Christians are invited and encouraged to announce Christ's Gospel to the World, and to bear witness of His victory over death through the example of our lives.

Our Holy Serbian Church and our parish of Saint Luke are striving to serve God in precisely that way – to proclaim the *good news* of Christ's death and resurrection and to gather people around the divine gift of life and hope to the entire human race.

We are grateful to you for your continuous and most generous support of our Church and Parish. May the risen Lord be your guide on the path to salvation and bountifully reward you for your love and kindness!

> CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

> > Your intercessor before the risen Christ, V. Rev. Protopresbyter Vasilije Vranic, PhD Episcopal Dean of the Washington Deanery Diocese of Eastern America, Serbian Orthodox Church