



The WORD

April 2021

Dear Friends,

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

The Lord is Risen, Indeed. Alleluia!

Jesus was raised by God to new life. Our church is being raised by God to new life. Our lives are being raised by God to new life. Can you feel the excitement? Do you hear the Good News? This spring, unlike many before it, is replete with new life and new beginnings. There is a hope in the air and a tremble on the ground. The last year has been difficult and it has changed many things. The way we work. The way we teach our children. The way we relate to each other. The way we worship.

Some of these changes will not remain. Worship will return to being in-person, but it will still be different because of the pandemic. We will be in the sanctuary, but also live streaming our services to reach those people who cannot make it to in-person worship. This is the best of both worlds and is an example of how we will return to normal but in a changed way.

The message of the Resurrection is that God will raise us to new life, but in a changed way. The person we are today will be the person that God raises to new life at the end of time, but we will not be the same as we are now. In the Resurrection our lives will be lives that will not end. There will be no more death or dying for all will be made new. This is a radical message at the heart of the Gospel. Admittedly there are people who are unnerved by



this message. The unknown is always approached with trepidation. The same can be said about how our church will move forward and rise to new glory and new life. There are unknowns and we approach them with hesitancy and some fear.

But like Jesus' first disciples we too will be transformed when we encounter the new reality. When Jesus appeared to his disciples it often frightened them before they were reassured by him. Then, when they understood that this was the same Jesus who had lived and taught among them for the last three years, they were filled with joy and energy to share the Good News. The same will happen for Saint Timothy's when we return to the "new normal". There will be a period of disorientation

and adjustment. This will be followed by joy at seeing the benefits of a new normal and a desire to share the good news about who we are as a community.

One practical way to make this happen is to support our new Saint Isidore's Guild with a donation for the purchase and installation of new equipment to make our new normal the best it can be. We have already raised \$33,000.00 of the \$50,000.00 we need to get our technical abilities to the point where we can function in the 21st Century. This additional technical ability will enable us to have greater connection to our elderly, working, and out-of-state members. Their numbers our growing and if we do not maintain our connection, we will lose them. It will also allow us to connect and reach out to the Herndon and Reston community in a much more concrete way. Would you consider making a donation to the Saint Isidore's Guild for the purpose of upgrading our technology? We still need to raise \$17,000.00 to complete this project because it is not be funded out of the operating budget. We will continue to raise funds until either Pentecost or we reach our goal. Every gift is a help and no gift is too small or large. In this time of new life and new normal, let's step forward and make a contribution to make our church better.

Happy Easter,



Ministry Fair

As many of you know I have numerous notebooks in which I collect prayers, sayings, and jokes which I think are funny! And sundry other things like poems, descriptions of trips in different states and countries and reports, such as my introduction for various Ministry Fairs when Open Arms Ministry was in operation and along with others we tried to outline the kind of work we would do and try to encourage as many as possible to offer their

services to the one or two that most appealed to them.

It was a privilege to address the congregation on the day of the Fair held in Henry Hall after notices had been published in the Bulletin, etc., for some weeks prior to the event. On reading the following, dated January 29th, 2012, I thought how pertinent to the needs of today as we still struggle with the effect of the Coronavirus pandemic. I hope it is not too egotistical to repeat my words now and perhaps we can give thought to reviving some of these actions once we are back to "normal", whatever that may be.

As I look around at St. Timothy's each week, I see smiling faces welcoming all who come in – hugs and conversations displaying care and concern, fund-raising efforts for the poor, the underprivileged, the hungry and the victims of natural disasters. I hear laughter from adults and children alike, music, both vocal and instrumental.

I hear whispered prayers as well as loud "amens", but most all I feel love. Love in our treatment of each other and of people we don't even know. Love for the wonderful world in which we live and which God has created for us and our love for God and His even greater love for us.

Next Sunday, February 5th, the Annual Ministry Fair will take place in Henry hall. It is a chance for the many Ministries and services to show what they do and to invite all members to participate and use their talents in a small task and with as much time as they are able to give.

The theme of the day was "Ministry Takes the Cake" and as you visited each table you were invited to take a slip of paper denoting an ingredient for a "Scripture Cake" (the editor was kind enough to repeat this in a recent issue of *The Word*). I made

said cake which was raffled among those who attended. Refreshments were served and there was a picture quiz for the children as well as small gifts.

I finished with the following words:

We are all the ingredients of the faith cake. Some of us may be the larger spoonfuls that hold the cake together, but the cake needs a pinch of spice, a dash of vanilla, a buttered pan, hands to stir and put it in the oven. It needs

preparation, decoration, and presentation; then all can be invited to eat and share that Great Love which inspires, blesses us, and brings us to worship here each week.

I hope it will be possible for us to regroup and revive some of those intentions or pursue new ventures, but I sincerely hope that all we do will be inclusive and in person. I personally am very tired of being “virtual”!

~ submitted by Jill Cox



Fr. Rich visits with Charles Sicard, Sr., and Rimie Sicard (photo by Charles Sicard, Jr.)



Zoom cooking with Tatiana Martinez (photo by Alex Schumann)



Long-time parishioner, Michael Cook, died this past week. We are grateful for his presence among us (photo by Craig Dubishar)



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Thank you!



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Sponsor Group

March 11th, 2021

Date of Drive

40

Total Number of Donors

3

First Time Donors

35

Units Collected

105

Potential Number of Lives Saved

When you made the decision to host a blood drive, you helped change lives.

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Service Times

Saturday: 7 pm Outdoor Chapel (Spanish)
 Sunday: 9 am Zoom Service (English)
 (Livestream on YouTube/
 Facebook/Website)
 Please check the website for up-to-date
 information about opportunities to worship

Welcome New Members
(no new members this month)

To transfer your membership to St. Timothy's or to find out if you are a registered member, contact Mindy Rohrbaugh (blessed2boma@gmail.com) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf

Non-registered congregants can participate in all aspects of church worship with the exception of serving on the Vestry and participating in elections. However, the more registered members St. Timothy's has recorded, the more delegates we can send to the conventions, giving us a stronger vote in Diocese matters.

If we do not have an email address for you and your family, or if your email has changed, update your information at www.saint-timothys.org or send the information to office@saint-timothys.org.

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After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

~ Matthew 28:1-10
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