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Dear Trinity Members and Friends,

On Sunday March 27, 2016, we will be celebrating the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As recorded in the book of the Acts of the Apostles, at the house of Cornelius Peter stood up boldly to proclaim that “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power [and that though] he was killed and hung on a tree, God raised him from the dead.”

The resurrection of the Son of God constitutes the inner life of the Church of Christ. According to the Apostle Paul, to behold the blessed gift of baptism is to behold the risen Christ in whose death and resurrection the believer is grafted by means of water and the Word. Indeed, “beyond all question, the mystery of Godliness is great!”

I can tell you that when I think of the resurrection of our Lord I think not only of the Biblical and theological treatment of this glorious event in history but also of the abiding truth of this mystery in every-day life. I think that going to sleep every night and being awoken every morning is a metaphor of the resurrection. I think that experiencing the dying of summer-into-fall, the death of winter, and the rebirth of spring is a metaphor of the resurrection. I think that restoring a broken relationship through the spirit of forgiveness is a metaphor of the resurrection. In short, I agree with those who have expounded on the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the lens through which the reality of the cross – and therefore reality at large- is understood. Without a doubt, God is bent on the side of life!

I share these thoughts with you because I believe that Trinity church is well acquainted with the cross. I remember that it was this more than anything else that I responded to when I first met the people of Trinity. In the words of Scripture, Trinity church is a people “*acquainted with sorrows and experimented in grief.*” Yet, it is here, precisely here, at the place of sorrows and grief that the resurrection of our Lord is held by faith. After all, “through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything”, Trinity church stands!

With the truth of Christ in firm grasp, therefore, I ask that you join us this Easter in praising God for what he has done in Christ. **Join us for our Easter breakfast beginning at 9:00 A.M. Join us through your gifts and offerings in the envelope enclosed. Our goal is to raise \$600.00 with this Easter offering. Join us in worship and praise to the one and only living God. Let us together be a witness to the resurrection of our Lord.**

In the love of Christ,

Pastor Omar