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Statement from our Pastor

Christ Is Risen! Christós Voskrése!

In behalf of our St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church, we are excited on the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. How extra special that this is our first American born Pope. I'm sure many of us were glued to our tv's, computers or phones on Thursday to watch the announcement and hear our new Holy Father.

His first words as pope were "Peace be to all", reminding us of the first words of our Risen Savior appearing to his disciples. The peace of the risen Christ, he said, is a "disarming, humble, and persevering peace" that comes from God — a God who "loves us all unconditionally."

Let us pray for Pope Leo as he now shepherds the universal church as the successor of St. Peter. It is my hope that I have the opportunity to meet him someday. May the Lord God grant to our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years, for Christ Is Risen!

Fr. Kevin