

GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY



Theodosia Pouloupos Epitaphios, Benaki Museum Date 1599 from wiki

Today is the saddest day in the whole world. It is also the most joyful day. How can this be? We remember that this day Our Lord Jesus was delivered to His enemies, suffered terrible torment and died upon the cross. This evening we will place ourselves among the mourners as we attend a Solemn Vespers and Burial Service. Vespers will begin, as it usually does, and the hymns will once again tell the story of the day. Listen closely to them as they begin: All creation was transformed with fear, when it beheld You hanging on the cross, O Christ. The sun was darkened and the foundations of the earth trembled. All creation suffered with the One Who created all things. O Lord, Who willingly suffered for us, glory to you. The hymns continue to tell the story, and at the end of the Vespers service, Father will take the Plaschanitsa (Burial Shroud) and carry it upon his back as if he, himself, was Joseph of Arimathea. We will follow him in a procession, as if we were with Nicodemus and the holy women, around the outside of the church, pretending that we are taking Jesus' Body to the burial garden as we sing this hymn:

♪ "THE NOBLE JOSEPH. ♪

TOOK DOWN FROM THE CROSS YOUR MOST PURE BODY.
ANOINTING IT WITH SPICES, HE WRAPPED
IT IN PURE LINEN AND PLACED IT IN A NEW TOMB.
GLORY TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND FOREVER, AMEN.
THE ANGEL, STANDING BY THE GRAVE EXCLAIMED
TO THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN:
"SPICES ARE MEANT FOR THE DEAD. BUT CHRIST
REVEALS HIMSELF AS NOT SUBJECT TO CORRUPTION!"

When we arrive back at the front doors of the church, some of the men will help Father hold the Plaschanitsa up by its corners in order for us to be able to walk under it as we re-enter the church. When we do this, we mystically place ourselves in the tomb with Christ, burying our sins with Him in order for Him to save us from them. As we return to our places, Father will place the shroud in a tomb that has been prepared in the church to receive Him, and the congregation will approach Christ in this tomb at the end of the service, on their knees, to venerate the Shroud.

We remember that because of the decision made at the council of Nicea, any respect that we show to the Plaschanitsa is transferred directly to the Body of Jesus. It is proper for us to kiss his five wounds: his two hands, two feet and side, but we do not kiss His face because the memory of the kiss of Judas makes it inappropriate. Many people will choose to remain in the church afterward to pray. Many churches will remain open all night, and all the next day, with parishioners taking turns at vigil, so that Jesus Body may not be left unattended. All the earth mourns the loss of Jesus; but meanwhile, in the depths of Hades, after centuries of waiting in darkness, He finally arrives. For these captive souls, it is the most joyful day in the entire world.

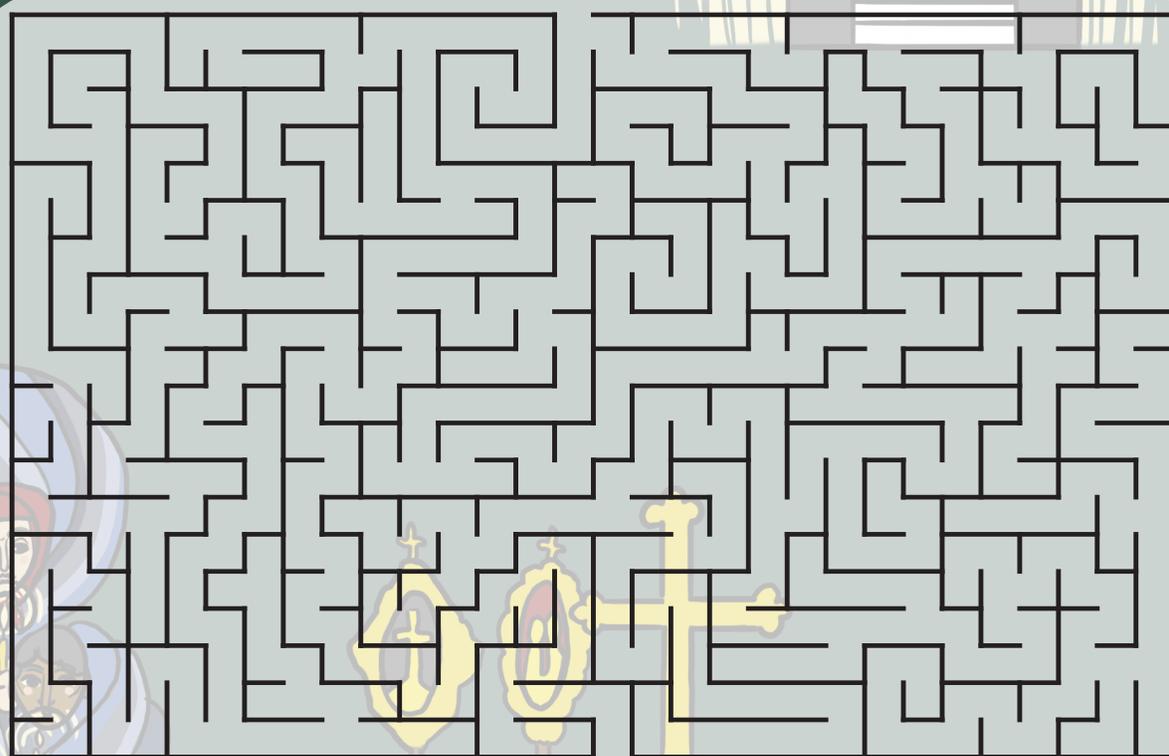
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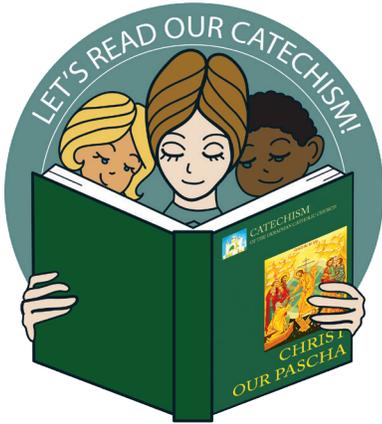
IT IS DARK WHEN THE PASCHA
PROCESSION BEGINS.
THE PEOPLE NEED YOUR HELP
TO FIND THEIR WAY
BACK TO THE CHURCH.



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The Catechism of The Ukrainian Catholic Church

Kids Lesson #6 // Let's review something we have already learned about

The Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church: Christ—Our Pascha.

It is organized into three main parts. I hope you have them memorized.

1. The Faith of the Church,
2. The Prayer of the Church
3. The Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

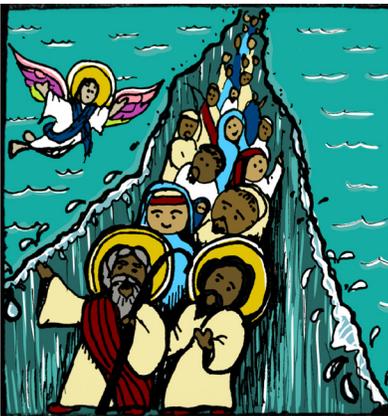
Let's turn to the Table of Contents and check out **"The Faith of the Church"** section.

It is easy to find since it is the first section. We see that section I and II includes what

we believe about the Trinity. We see that section III is divided into an "A" part, a "B" part and a "C" part. Today we will take a look at section III B. This section is all about Our Lord Jesus Christ and how He came down to earth, proclaimed the Kingdom of God, suffered, died and rose from the dead on the third day. He did all this because He loves us.

Let's take a close look at the section called "Pascha" beginning on page 78. That includes paragraph numbers 215—235.

Remember that: The Table of Contents = page numbers The Subject Index = paragraph numbers

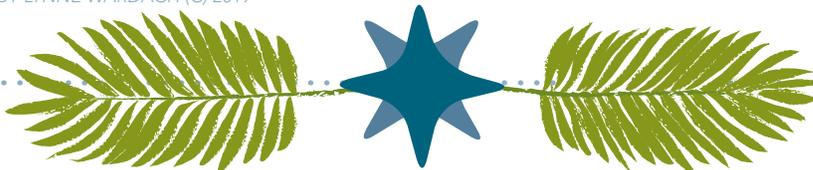


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In **Paragraph 215**, we learn that the word "Pascha" comes from the Hebrew word meaning to **pass by** or to **pass through** — just like the word "Passover."

In **Paragraph 217** we hear the story of God's People in the Old Testament. They were slaves in Egypt. Pharaoh would not let them go but kept them in slavery. Because of this, God sent an "angel of death" to take the lives of the first-born of all the Egyptians. God's people, the Israelites, were told by Moses to put lamb's blood on their doors. This was a sign to the angel to "pass over" the houses of God's people. The Israelites were saved from this terrible plague.

The lamb's blood saved them just like the blood of Jesus saves us. Finally, Pharaoh let the Jewish people go. They escape their slavery by "**passing through**" the Red Sea to a new life by a great miracle. They were saved from Pharaoh's army. The passing over of the angel of death, and the passing through the Red Sea are two things the Jewish people celebrate on Passover.



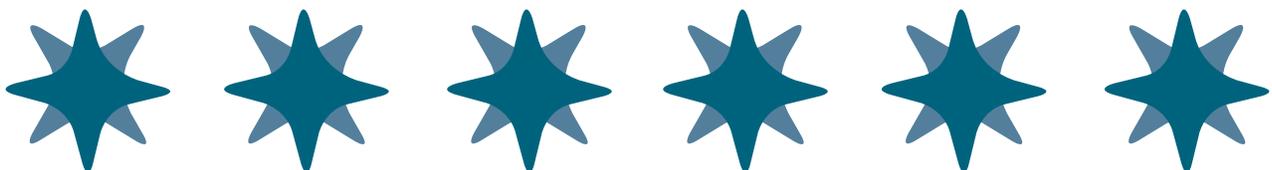
We can also celebrate all these beautiful stories of God's love and mercy. Mostly, during Lent, we think about Our Lord's terrible suffering and death which He accepted in order to conquer death.

The Death and Resurrection of Our Lord is an historical fact!
The Resurrection of Christ is the foundation of our Faith.
His Resurrection becomes our passage to New Life

-Written by Julie Luckey



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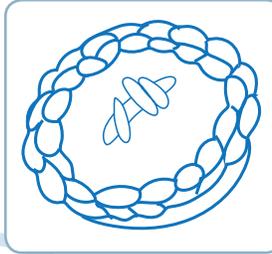
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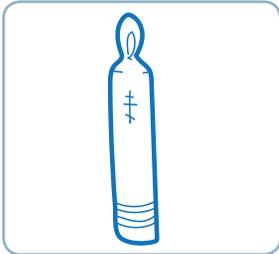
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TO YOUR PASCHA BASKET

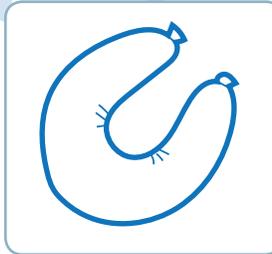
Pascha baskets are a great and long standing tradition of the Russian/Slavic Byzantine churches! Let this be your guide to making your own!



BREAD // PASCHA
A sweet yeast bread which symbolizes Christ's body. This is the most important item in our Pascha basket and celebration of Pascha!



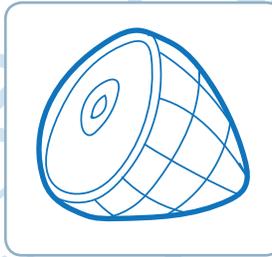
BLESSED CANDLE
A blessed candle made of beeswax to be lit during the Priest's blessing.



SAUSAGE // KOLBASI
Meat after a long lent is a joyous and exciting thing! Meant to symbolize God's generosity.



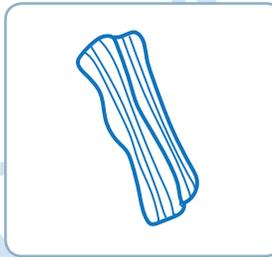
SALT // SOL
A small amount of salt to symbolize reminding us of our responsibilities to others.



HAM // SUNKA
The primary portion of meat to be served on Pascha. Sometimes it is substituted for lamb. This like all our other food is cooked ahead!



HORSERADISH // CHRIN
To remind us of the bitter wine that Christ was given on the cross. Usually made with beets.



BACON // SLANINA
Symbolic of God's goodness and meant to be enjoyed after the long Lenten journey.



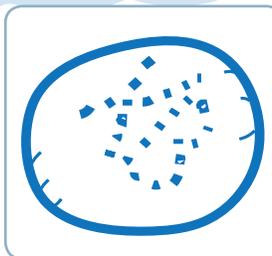
CANDY
A treat to remind us of the joy and sweetness of the resurrected Christ.



BUTTER LAMB // MASLO
The butter which we decorate as a lamb symbolizes Christ's good nature towards us and reminds us of how to act.



EGGS // PYSANKY
The eggs we decorated during Lent symbolizing many hopes and prayers as well as the resurrection of Christ.



CHEESE // HRUDKA
A special cheese made with eggs it can be sweet or savory. Decorated with cloves or raisins.

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CHRIST IS RISEN GREETING GAME

Matthew 28:19

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

There is a legend that tells us that when Mary Magdalene had appeared before the pagan Emperor,

Tiberias Caesar, after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, she greeted him with the words, "Christ is Risen".

The greeting has remained with us as well, along with the reply, "Indeed, He is Risen!" which is taken from the joyful exclamation of the disciples who walked along on the road to Emmaus and reported back to their brethren that they had seen the risen Jesus there. Jesus commanded that all the nations be made aware of the salvation made possible for us by His life, death, and resurrection and so we greet people in every language and culture with this greeting on Pascha!

HERE IS A GAME FOR YOU

Print these cards and cut them out, along the lines. Deal them out to give each person the same number of cards. To begin, each person will choose a card from their pile and give the greeting to the player to his right.

If the correct response is given, the opponent gets your card, if a wrong answer is given, he must give you his!

Continue until one person has all the cards

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ALEUT

Khristus
Anahgrecum!
Alhecum
Anahgrecum!

ALABANIAN

Krishti U Ngjall!
Vertet U Ngjall!

ARABIC

El Messieh Kahm!
Hakken Kahm!

COPTIC

Pchristos
Aftooun!
Alothos
Aftooun!!

DANISH

Kristus er
opstanden!
Ja, sandelig
opstanden!

ETHIOPIAN

Christos t'ensah
em' muhtan!
Exai' ab-her
eokala!

FINNISH

Kristus nousi
kuolleista!
Totisesti nousi!

FRENCH

Le Christ est
réssuscité!
En verite il est
réssuscité!

GAELIC

Taw creest ereen!
Taw shay ereen
guhdyne!

GERMAN

Christus ist
aufstanden!
Wahrlich Er ist
aufstanden!

GREEK

Christos anesti!
Alithos anesti!

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HAWAIIAN

Ua ala hou 'o
Kristo!

Ua ala 'i 'o
no 'oia!

HEBREW

Ha Masheeha
houh quam!

Be emet quam!

HUNGARIAN

Krisztus
feltamadt!

Valoban
feltamadt!

INDONESIAN

Kristus telah
bangkit!

Benar dia telah
bangkit!

ITALIAN

Cristo e' risorto!

Veramente e'
risorto!

JAPANESE

Harisutos
Fukkatsu!

Jitsu ni Fukkatsu!

KOREAN

Kristo gesso!
Buhar ha sho nay!

LATIN

Christus
resurrexit!

Vere resurrexit!

NORWEGIAN

Christus er
oppstanden!

Sandelig han er
oppstanden!

POLISH

Khristus
zmartwyckwstal!

Zaprawde
zmartwyckwstal!

PORTUGUESE

Cristo
ressuscitou!

Em verdade
ressuscitou!

ROMANIAN

Hristos a inviat!
Adevărat a înviat!

RUSSIAN

Khristos voskrese!

Voistinu voskrese!

SANSKRIT

Kristo'pastitaha!

Satvam
upastitaha

SPANISH

Cristo ha
resucitado!

En verdad ha
resucitado!

SYRIAC

M'shee ho dkom!

Ha koo quam!

TURKISH

Hristos diril - di!

Hakikaten
diril - di!!

UKRAINIAN

Khristos voskres!

Voistinu voskres!

WELSH

Atgyfododd
Crist!

Atgyfododd yn
wir!

YUPIK

Xris-tusaq
Ung-uixtuq!

Illumun
Ung-uixtuq!

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