

ПАСХА SUNDAY

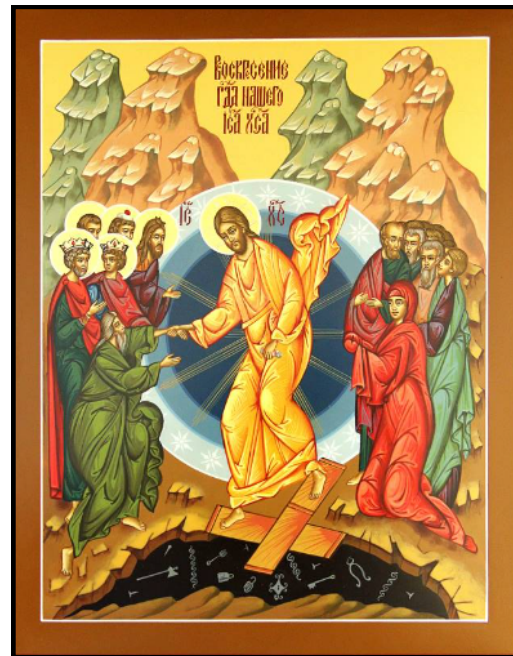
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From His crucifixion on Friday, three days have passed. The Myrrh-Bearing women came to the tomb of our Savior early morning to clean His body with myrrh and sacred oils. When they arrived, the stone covering the tomb was rolled open, and on the stone an angel sat and asked, “Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen from the dead!” The Myrrh-Bearing women went and proclaimed to His students and disciples that Christ has risen.

Jesus stomped on death with death and made everlasting life possible for us through His crucifixion. For this reason we rejoice that He has Risen.

(Cited from THE ORTHODOX STUDY BIBLE: Ancient Christianity Speaks To Today's World.)

We begin the Пасха services on Saturday in the evening. A little before midnight, we start setting up the church for the great праздник, doing things such as replacing the candles and uncovering the celebratory decorations that had been hidden earlier. At midnight we start singing songs and holding candles. Some other highlights of the служба are when we kiss the икона and get eggs.



An икона of Пасха, showing Иисус pulling Адам and Ева (Adam and Eve) out of Hades.

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Христосъ воскресъ изъ мѣртвыхъ,
смертѣю на смерть нашестви, и
гробнымъ живѣотъ дарова.

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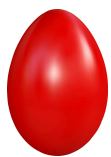
Иже и во гробѣ снѣде безсмертне,
но ядову разрывшиахъ еси силѣ, и
воскресе яко побѣдитель христе вѣе,
женамъ мѣрвнѣнцамъ радость
прѣвѣщаяхъ, и своѣмъ апѣломъ
миръ дарова, иже падшимъ подадъ
воскрѣнѣ.

Troparion, Tone 5

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling
down death by death, and upon those in
the tombs bestowing life!

Kontakion, Tone 8

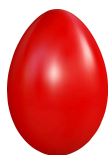
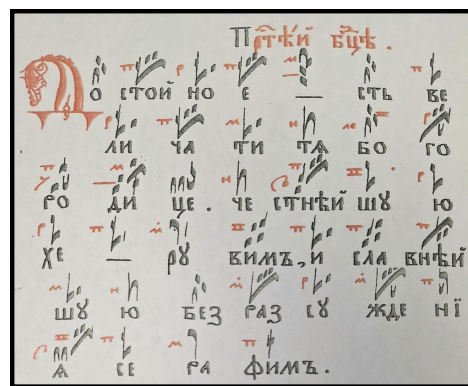
You descended into the tomb, O Immortal,
You destroyed the power of death! In victory
You arose, O Christ God, proclaiming
“Rejoice” to the myrrh-bearing women,
granting peace to Your apostles, and
bestowing resurrection to the fallen.



HONORING БОГОРОДИЦА

By Nickolai Pleshakov, 11th grade

On Tuesday, the third day of Пасха, we specially commemorate Богородица alongside Иисус Христос in the church services. We sing the special “Достойно Есть” величание (pictured to the right), and in the канон we sing both the канон of Пасха and the канон Пресвятей Богородице Одигитрии.



ПАСХА FUN FACTS

By Nickolai Pleshakov, 11th grade

Who first saw Иисус Христос after He had resurrected?



ΜΑΡΤΙΑ ΜΑΓΔΑΛΙΝΑ
Mary Magdalene



Who did she think He was before actually recognizing Him?



ΚΕΡΤΟΓΡΑΔΑΡΗΣ
The gardener



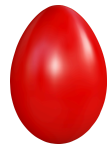
Who was the apostle who struggled to believe in the Resurrection?



ἈΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ ΘΟΜΑΣ
Apostle Thomas



(Information taken from John 20 from the Orthodox Study Bible)



COLORING EGGS

By Lydia Koshkaroff, 11th grade

The eggs we dye red during Pascha symbolize new life, representing that Иисус Христос's tomb was sealed and proved that He has truly risen from the dead on the third day!

But why red? Later in her life when Mary Magdalene was in Rome she came up to Tiberius Caesar, the ruler of the Roman empire. She told him that Иисус Христос was God and rose from the dead. Laughing at this, Caesar insisted that there's as much chance of someone rising from the dead as the egg in her hand turning red. The egg in her hand then miraculously transformed into red.

