

Pascha 2020

This year we find ourselves away from the Temple and unable to gather, physically, as the Church. In this situation on the Day of Pascha the family should gather together, before the family icons, with Holy Water blessed at the Church on the Feast of Theophany, with their Paschal Baskets or their Paschal meal on the table. Then they should pray the following:

All sing together:

The Paschal Troparion (3X)

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

After the have finished singing, the head of the family reads the following prayer:

Look down, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, on this fleashmeat and sanctify it, as You sanctified the ram which faithful Abraham brought to you, and the lamb which Abel offered to You as a whole-offering. Likewise, the fatted calf which You commanded to be slain for Your Prodigal Son when he had returned again to You; that he was granted to enjoy Your Grace. Also, O Master Lord our God, the Creator and Maker of all things: Bless this cheese and with it these eggs, and preserve us in Your goodness, that partaking of these, we may be filled with Your gifts, which You bestow on us ungrudgingly, together with You unspeakable goodness.

For You are the True Nourishment and the One that bestows all good things and to You we send up glory, Together with Your Father without beginning, and Your Most holy, Good and Life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Amen

Then this Prayer:

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, Who condescended to enter under the roof of Zacchaeus the Publican, becoming salvation to hem and his whole household: As the same Lord, by means of our unworthy prayers and supplications offered to You, preserve and keep unharmed from evil those that dwell herein, blessing them and this home, ever preserving their lives from snares, while bestowing all Your good things profitable to them by Your blessing. For to You is due all glory, honor and worship, together with Your Father without beginning and Your Most-holy, Good and Life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Amen

Having completed these prayers, the head of the family takes Holy Water from the Church and sprinkles the food and then the whole house with the Holy Water. When finished the head of the family proclaims:

Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!