

## MEANING

- “Pascha” in the Eastern Orthodox tradition, alluding to the Jewish festival of Passover
- Celebration of the Christian belief that Jesus was raised from the dead.
- This is the most ancient and important holiday in the Christian religious calendar.

## GREETINGS

- “Happy Easter.”
- “He is risen.” “He is risen indeed.”

## WHEN

- Friday before Easter Sunday.
- All Christian holidays relating to Lent and Easter are moveable rather than fixed. Due to differences in religious calendars, Roman Catholic and Protestant Christians tend to celebrate holidays on days that are different than those observed by Eastern Orthodox Christians (such as Greek Orthodox Christians).

## COMMON PRACTICES

- Many Christians celebrate Easter with special church services and music.
- Other customs, such as Easter egg hunts and the Easter bunny, are commonly part of the celebration of Easter in North America.

## QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

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# Easter

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- Easter is a national holiday in the United States.
- The holiday is always on a Sunday, so no special accommodations are likely required.
- The period between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, known to most Christians as Holy Week, is an important week in the Christian religious calendar. Some Christians may request time off for religious observances. Students and staff should be given the opportunity to reschedule any tests, exams or study or work activities that must be scheduled at this time.

Type of Calendar:

Gregorian, Julian



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