


Guide through UKRAINIAN EASTER





EASTER TRADITIONS

Ukrainians celebrate Easter with a lot of joy, food, and old traditions. Here are the basics:

 **Clean the house before Easter**
It's like spring cleaning. Everything has to be fresh and ready for the holiday!




 **Bake paska and decorate eggs**
Families prepare traditional Easter bread and spend hours painting eggs (*pysanky*). It's a fun and creative time, especially for kids.


 **Make an Easter basket**
On Saturday, people put their best food (paska, eggs, sausage, cheese, butter, salt) into a basket. It's decorated with flowers and embroidered cloth.




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 **Go to church at night or in the morning**
Many people attend a night service on Saturday or early Sunday. The priest blesses everyone's baskets with holy water. After that — it's time to eat!



 **Say a special greeting**
Instead of “Hi,” people say “Христос воскрес!” and answer “Воістину воскрес!”. Yes, even strangers say it to each other!

 **Visit family & eat a looooot**
Sunday is all about gathering with relatives, sharing food from the basket, and enjoying the first non-fasting meal after Lent.



EASTER PHRASES

1. Великдень — Easter
[Velykden’]
2. Писанка — Decorated Easter egg
[Pysanka]
3. Паска — Easter bread
[Paska]
4. Христос воскрес! — Christ is Risen!
[Khrystos voskres!]
5. Воістину воскрес! — Truly He is Risen!
[Voistynu voskres!]
6. Кошик — Basket
[Koshyk]

