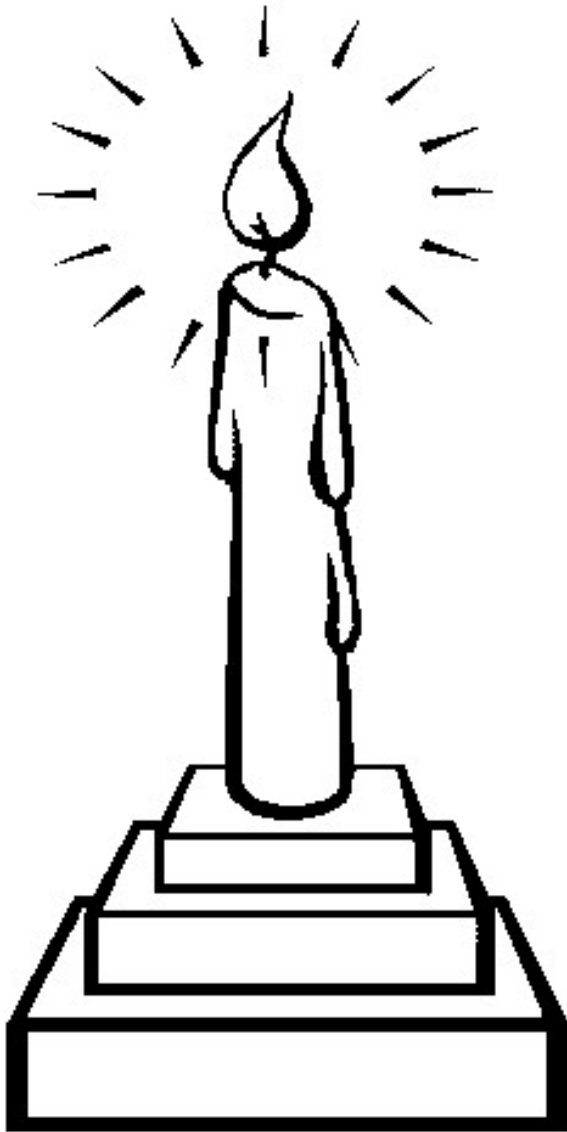


Come, receive the Light!



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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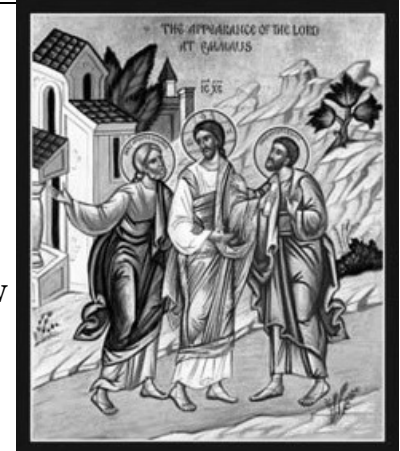
Have you ever read a really great book...and then read a sequel to it, too? It's wonderful when the story continues!

Today, we say, "Christ is risen!" and we hear the gospels about how Jesus's disciples found the empty tomb. But what happened next? Well, now we can read ahead. The story doesn't stop there, does it?

In the Bible, we can find eleven stories about the risen Lord. Eleven stories about what happened next!

One of the best stories tells about how Jesus appeared to two of His disciples. They were walking to a nearby town, and they were very sad, because Jesus had died and had left them. While they were walking, Jesus came and walked with them! (But they didn't know it was Jesus.) Our Lord explained the parts of the Bible to them—the parts in the Old Testament that showed what was going to happen. Then they had dinner together, and when Jesus broke bread with them, they knew it was the Lord!

Then the disciples were just overjoyed to know that Christ had really risen! They said, "Didn't our hearts burn within us, while He talked with us?" Today, and every day, we can let our hearts burn with love for the Lord. We can be overjoyed too that Christ has really risen!



The risen Lord!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Apostles
- Celebrate
- Eggs
- Feasting
- Good News
- Light
- Pascha
- Preach
- Resurrection
- Risen
- Sequel

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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is the icon we see during the Paschal (Easter) season.

Can you find the angel? Can you find the old cloths that were on Jesus? Can you find the myrrh-bearing women?



PASCHA

AROUND THE WORLD

Of course, you know what today is! It is Easter, Pascha, the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ! You probably have big plans for a big party. That's because, as Christians, we celebrate this day more than any other!

We all have our own traditions, but would you like to know how Orthodox Christians in other countries celebrate, too?

But the best way to celebrate is by going to church, singing together the beautiful "Christ is risen" hymn!



In Jerusalem, thousands of people crowd around the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the spot of Christ's tomb. The people receive the "Holy Fire" there. Try to find out more about this miracle that happens every year!



In Ukraine and Russia and other countries in Eastern Europe, Orthodox Christians bring to the church beautiful Easter baskets full of fancy breads, eggs, and other foods. The priest blesses the baskets, and then the parties can start!



In Greece and Cyprus, most families celebrate this glorious day by roasting lambs on a grill or a spit that turns around and around to cook it. In some places, you might also find people celebrating with big bonfires!



And in the United States, lots of Orthodox Christian kids come to the Agape vespers on Sunday afternoon. Lots of churches hold an Easter Egg hunt afterwards to celebrate!

We celebrate Pascha (Easter) today, April 16th!