

The Blessing of Paschal/Easter Food at Home

(In case of necessity)

Leader: + Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life-creating, undivided Trinity, now and forever, and ever.

All: Amen.

Christ is risen from the dead! Trampling death by Death, and to those in the tombs He granted life. (3x)

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

O holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God, + bless and sanctify this bread with Your heavenly blessing, so that it may be for the health of body and salvation of soul to all who partake of it, and that it may be a safeguard against all illness and enemy assaults, through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, the Living Bread, Who came down from heaven, giving life and salvation to the world, Who lives and reigns with You in union with the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, our God, look upon this lamb and all these other meats, +bless and sanctify them as You blessed and sanctified the ram which Abraham offered to You, and the lamb which Abel offered to You in sacrifice; bless and sanctify these meats, as You blessed and sanctified the fattened-calf which You ordered to be slain for Your prodigal son, when he returned again to You; so that just as he was considered worthy to enjoy Your goodness, so also may we who eat of these meats, blessed and sanctified by You, enjoy your goodness, and obtain your holy cross and resurrection from the dead on the third day: For You are our true food and the Giver of all good things which You Yourself bless and sanctify; and we give glory to You, together with Your eternal Father, and Your all-holy, gracious, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

O God, our Lord and Master, Creator of all things; +bless this cheese and butter, these eggs and all the other, foods here present; and preserve us in Your goodness, so that, as we eat of Your gifts which You so readily bestow upon us, we may be filled, with Your indescribable goodness, for the sake of the glorious Resurrection on the third day from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ: For Yours is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and ever.

All: Amen.

The leader sprinkles the paschal foods with holy water, saying aloud:

O, Lord, today, we unite ourselves with our church ministers and ask that these paschal foods be blessed and sanctified by the sprinkling of this holy water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

All sing: Christ is risen from the dead! Trampling death by Death, and to those in the tombs He granted life. (3x)