



*This is the day the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it, Alleluia*

He is risen! Alleluia! We have reached our goal: Easter, the day we celebrate Christ's resurrection. This is the single most important feast day of the Church. In the words of the Eastern Church calendar this is "the sacred and great Sunday of the Pasch, on which we celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and God, the Savior Jesus Christ" (Francis X. Weiser, S.J., *The Easter Book*). With Christ's death and resurrection, Christ has conquered sin and death; the gates of heaven are now open to man.

This is the Feast of Feasts, the Solemnity of Solemnities, the highest Feast of the Church, the holiest day of the year. Like the churches, the household is decorated with numerous flowers, like lilies and hyacinths, and the table decorated with the finest linens and place settings. And for fifty days we celebrate our redemption taking us right into Pentecost and the birthday of the church!