

Holy & Great Easter, Ressurrection celebrated throughout Orthodox world in splendor, solemnity



Splendorous celebrations around the world for Great and Holy Easter Sunday and the Resurrection service.

The Vespers Service was solemnly commemorated on Easter Sunday morning at the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

After being dressed in the hierarchical vestments in the Hearing Hall of the Patriarchate, the Ecumenical Patriarch, His All Holiness Bartholomew I, arrived at the Patriarchal Cathedral of St. George to officiate at the service, accompanied by several Metropolitans of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, as well as clergy of the Patriarchal Court.

The Ecumenical Patriarch read the Gospel in Greek, and then it was read by hierarchs and clergy of the Ecumenical Throne, as well as representatives of other Christian communities of Constantinople, in various languages.



In the Holy Land, the glorious exit from the dead and the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was majestically celebrated by the Jerusalem Patriarchate on Easter Sunday.

The Church of Jerusalem celebrated this Feast at the Life-giving and empty Tomb according to the centuries-old Status Quo.

The Service began with the Canon of Holy Saturday, until the officiator the Feast, His Most Godly Beatitude, the Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos III, and the Archbishops wore their Paschal liturgical vestments.

The Patriarchal entourage exited the Catholicon within the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and marched in procession three times around the Sacred Edicule, before the Matins Gospel narrative of the Resurrection was read.



Back in SE Europe, the Archbishop of Tirana, Durres and All Albania, His Beatitude Anastasios, in his message to the faithful for Great and Holy Easter, called for a struggle with unwavering faith to support harmony, love and unity.



In Alexandria, the service of the Resurrection was performed at the Church of the Annunciation of the Theotokos by the Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, His Most Divine Beatitude Patriarch Theodoros II, who spread the joyful message, “Christ is Risen.”



Further away, the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, His Holiness Kirill officiated at the Resurrection service at the Cathedral of the Savior in Moscow, which was attended by Russian President Vladimir Putin and the Mayor of Moscow, Sergey Sobyenin.

In a congratulatory message to Orthodox Christians and all Russian citizens, Putin said the celebration of Easter symbolizes the triumph of life, righteousness and justice, it has enormous moral significance. It consolidates faith, hope and the desire to help our neighbor.



Finally, a procession of Elders and Hieromonks in hierarchical vestments was conducted at the Holy and Great Monastery of Vatopedi, leading into the afternoon Vespers Service, the Sunday of Agape or Love service, with the procession entering the Catholicon, or main Church, for the service to be officiated by the Elder Archimandrite Ephraim, the Abbot of the monastery.

The Gospel was read out in several languages.

