

Blessing of Easter Baskets

Since the Resurrection of Christ happened early Sunday morning it became the TRADITION of the Catholic Church to celebrate the resurrection at MIDNIGHT ON HOLY SATURDAY.

The people came for the Liturgy fasting. After the Liturgy they needed something to eat to break the long fast. Thus the custom of bringing food in honor of Christ's resurrection began early in the church about the year 318 A.D. This became the Easter Basket!

The foods prepared to be eat after the Resurrection Liturgy are as follows:

- 1) Cold meat (any type)- remembering the body of Jesus in the Tomb.
- 2) Bread-----remembering the Eucharist is the Body of Jesus for our Soul's life
- 3) Wine -----remembering the Precious Blood of Jesus poured out for our Salvation
- 4) Horseradish - remembering the spices used to wrap the body of Jesus for burial
- 5) Salt-----remembering that Jesus preserved our Soul for everlasting life by baptism.
- 6) Butter-----remembering the ointment placed on the body of Jesus for burial.
- 7)Eggs-----remembering the Resurrection of Jesus because new life comes from the Egg

COLOR OF THE EGGS AND THE MEANING

- A) RED-----REMEMBERING THE PRECIOUS BLOOD JESUS SHED FOR US
- B) BLUE-----REMEMBERING THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY WHO GAVE US JESUS
- C) GOLD-----REMEMBERING JESUS IS THE KING OF KINGS
- D) GREEN—REMEMBERING THAT JESUS IS OUR ONLY HOPE FOR HEAVEN
- E) WHITE----REMEMBERING THE STONE THAT ROLLED AWAY FORM THE TOMB

THE CANDLE WAS TO REMEMBER THAT JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD; IT ALSO PRODUCED THE LIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE BECAUSE IT WAS DARK WHEN THE FAITHFUL WERE HAVING THE RESURRECTION MEAL.