

Celebrating the Feast of Resurrection (Easter)

Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ on the third day after dying on the cross is a fundamental truth for all Christians, regardless of their denominations. All celebrate the same occasion and same truth, and it is the basis of our belief in the resurrection of the dead and eternal life in the kingdom of God.

However, the date calculated for the celebration varies depending on the tradition and the calendar used: Julian or Gregorian. It is also linked to the date of Passover and hence the Hebrew calendar. Therefore, this feast and the related events, are not fixed dates that vary from year to year. Most Eastern churches celebrate the Feast of Resurrection later than Western traditions. Every few years the dates coincide, and we all celebrate together.

The Coptic Orthodox church is one of the Oriental Orthodox churches. This year we celebrated the Feast of Resurrection, Easter, on Sunday 2nd of May, after 55 days of fasting. Fifty days later, we will be celebrating Pentecost, on 20th June.

Last year, due to the lockdown, Holy Week and Resurrection were celebrated virtually, but thank God, this year some congregation members were allowed to attend in person.

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