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SPOTLIGHT STORY PASCHAL GREETINGS

The Love of Christ During the Season of the Resurection

Rejoice! He is Truly Risen. Rejoice!



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In Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches, the Easter eggs have a rich symbolism. The hard shell represents the tomb of Christ. The eggs are often dyed red to represent the blood of Christ shed on the cross. The cracking of the egg represents Christ's Resurrection from the dead.

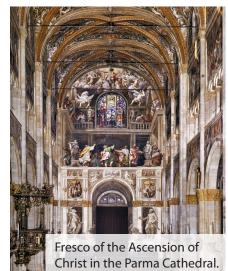
## Spotlight Story

PASCHAL GREETINGS

The bells peal joyously on the breezy spring air, while birds chirp madly from blossomed tree branches. The church doors burst open to mingle sounds of a blaring organ with the happy noise outside, as the congregation pours through in a sea of Easter hats, seersucker suits, and big smiles.

It's Easter Sunday, the biggest, most important feast day in the Church calendar.

So many people recall Christmas memories as their favorite, but my favorite holiday memory is that overflowing exultation I experience at the end of Mass every Easter Sunday. It is unlike anything else I've ever felt, and it only happens once a year, but I'm grateful for that short transforming moment, as it hints to me of that eternal and perfect joy awaiting each of us as a result of the very event Easter celebrates, the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



The Fathers of the Church made much of tears as a means of purification and healing, telling

the faithful to pray for tears and rejoice when holy emotion is granted. Tears need not always be mournful however, and laughter can be as much of a grace as sorrow. My prayer this Easter 2012 is that each and every Seton student is able to experience just for a moment that profound and deeply moving awareness of God's goodness through the celebration of the Resurrection, and that all will know in the depths of their hearts the overwhelming joy of Christ's abundant love.

- Mrs. Christine Smitha

**An Easter Story** 

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A Soviet commissar was sent to a small town during the Russian Revolution to propagandize the citizens to accept the official atheism of the new government. He harangued the townspeople for hours, presenting argument after argument trying to prove his case to the people. At the end of his presentation, he asked if anyone from the crowd had anything to say, expecting that they would support his position. He knew that he had been very logical in making his

Mr. Bob Wiesner

points and could not conceive that anyone could refute him. An old fellow made his way to the podium, slowly mounted the stage and faced the people. He then made a simple, powerful statement, the ancient Christian greeting for the Resurrection: "Christ is risen!" The people of the town responded with a roar, "Indeed He is risen!"

The commissar left the town with his mission a failure. No matter what arguments the secular world may marshal against the Faith, a simple, stark fact will always be the best refutation of error.

In college and beyond, never lose your grip on the power of the Resurrection!