

Greek Easter traditions



Easter in Greece

- Easter is celebrated all over Greece and it is one of the most important days for the orthodox church.
- Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Christ.
- Before Easter, the Holy week takes place.



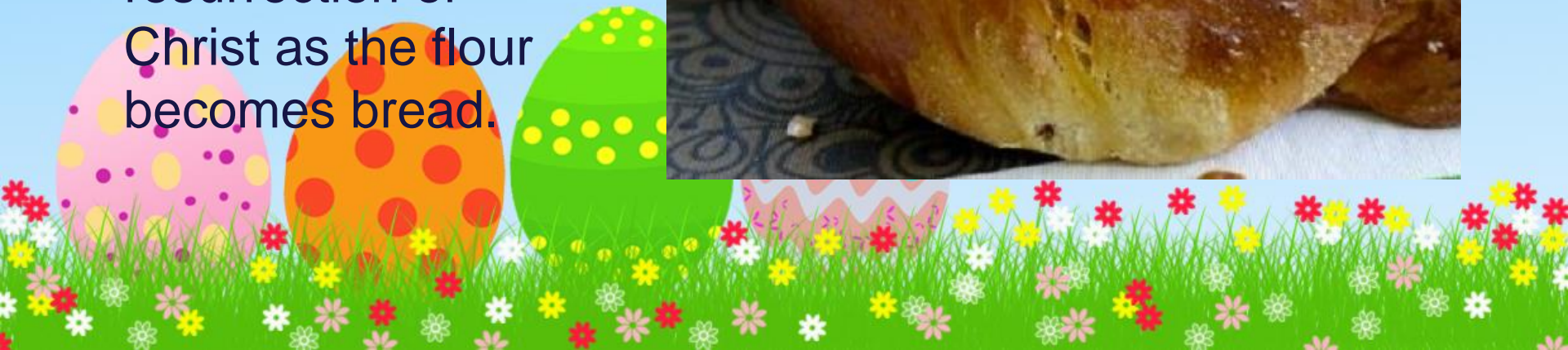
Dying red eggs

On Holly Thursday eggs are being boiled and dyed red. On Holly Saturday midnight all the members of the family crack the eggs, after having gone to church. The red eggs symbolize the blood of Christ.



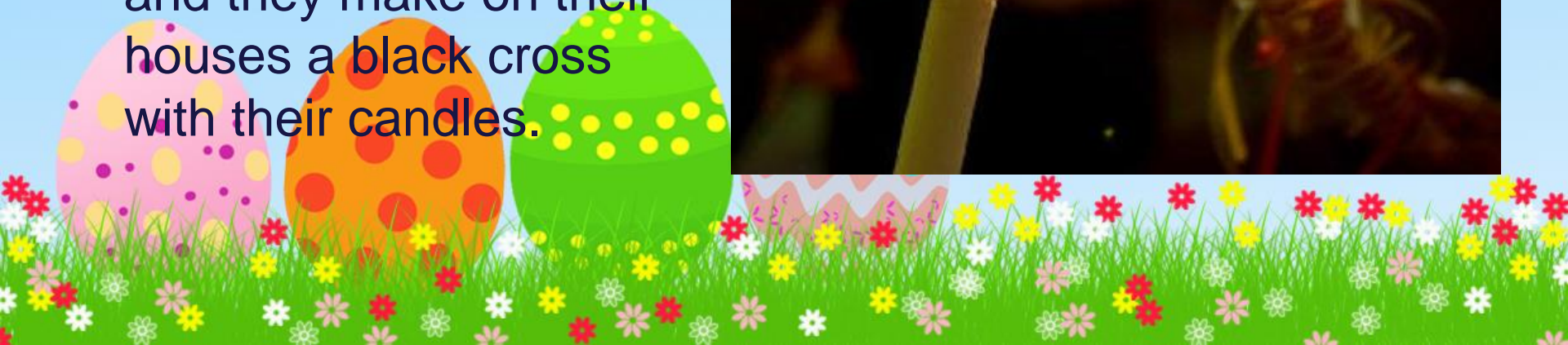
The Greek tsoureki

On Holy Thursday people make or buy the traditional Greek tsoureki which they eat at Easter. The Greek tsoureki symbolizes the resurrection of Christ as the flour becomes bread.



The resurrection of Christ

On Saturday before midnight all the people go to church, holding their candles. The priest lights a candle and everyone lights their candle from this one. Then they go back home with their candles and they make on their houses a black cross with their candles.



Eating magiritsa

On Holy Saturday all the families sit at the table and they eat magiritsa, after cracking the eggs. Magiritsa contains the offal of the lamb cooked with some green vegetables like lettuce. Magiritsa symbolizes the end of the 40-day fast of Orthodox people.



Eating roasted lamb

On Sunday after the holly week all the members of the families have lunch together and they eat lamb which they roast on a spit. They like eating the lamb with salad, potatoes and drinking a lot of wine.





HAPPY EASTER

