



1st Primary School of Salamina

Easter customs in Greece

During the Holy Week, we go to church in the afternoons, it's a week of lament and strict fast. On Holy Thursday night, the service is dedicated to the Last Supper and Christ's Crucifixion and then the women decorate the Epitaph with flowers till next morning. On Holy Friday, a procession of the Epitaph takes place. It is considered a blessing if somebody goes under the epitaph which passes through all the streets of the parish and on Holy Saturday night we go to church with our candles. We receive the Holy Light, bring it to our homes and we form a cross with the candles over the main entrance of our house. We keep this holy light burning for forty days. In the photos you can see the candles the pupils made at school. At Easter, we spit a lamb and we crack the red eggs we made on Holy Thursday along with the buns and easter rolls. Greeks celebrate Easter by having a traditional spree.

