

Paschal Greetings

The **Paschal greeting** is an Easter custom among Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, and Eastern Catholic Christians, as well as among some Roman Catholic and Protestant Christians. Instead of "hello" or its equivalent, one is to greet another person with "**Christ is Risen!**", and the response is "**Truly, He is Risen**" (compare Matthew 27:64, Matthew 28:6–7, Mark 16:6, Luke 24:6, Luke 24:34).

In some cultures, such as in Russia and Serbia, it is also customary to exchange a triple kiss on the alternating cheeks after the greeting.

Similar responses are also used in the liturgies of other Christian churches, but not so much as general greetings.

Greek Paschal Greetings-

Before Easter Sunday, "Kalo Pascha!" or "Happy Easter" is used as a greeting.

GREETING Happy Easter Καλό Πάσχα Ka-lo Pa-ka

RESPONSE And the same to you Επίσης E-pi-sis

During the forty days of Lent, "Kali Sarakosti", wishing you a good Lent, is also used as a greeting.

GREETING Good Lent Καλή Σαρακοστή Ka-lee Sa-ra-ko-stee

RESPONSE And the same to you Επίσης E-pi-sis

On Easter itself, "Christos Anesti!" or "Christ is risen!" will be on everyone's lips.

GREETING Christ is risen! Χριστός ἀνέστη! Chris-tos A-nes-ti!

RESPONSE Truly, He is risen! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! Alithos Anes-ti!