



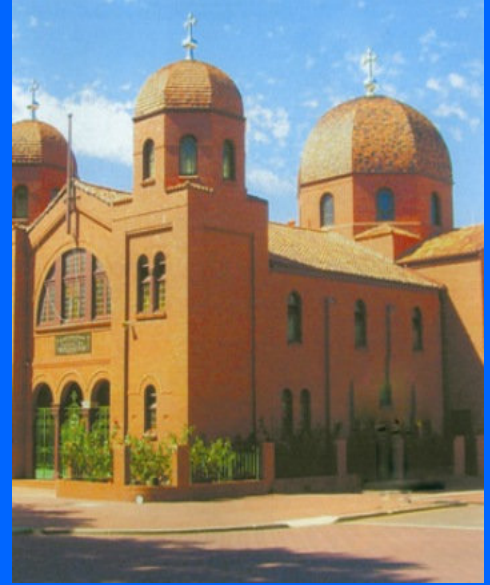
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“Καλό Πάσχα, Χριστός Ανέστη and Ἀληθῶς Ανέστη” are just some phrases we seem to throw around casually to others during Holy week. We may know the literal translations of these phrases, but there is more to it; do we know the true meanings of these words and when to use them? I’m sure many Australian-Greeks, like me, don’t know the exact meaning of these phrases, but just say them because our family and others around us do. I think that if these phrases and other cultural traditions are not instilled upon us from a young age, we do not have the intrinsic motivation to want to learn about them through our teenage and adulthood years.



As far as Easter traditions go, we tell our “Aussie” friends everything we do for Easter – red egg cracking, Church at night time on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, Greek biscuits, soup at Yia Yia’s at 1.30am, family lunch, fasting for a week from meat and possibly dairy, the list goes on. But what do all these things resemble? And is it important for us to know?



I believe that if we knew what these Easter traditions represent, then we would put more of our heart into doing what we do! For example, we might be cracking our egg with a family member and actually know what this means, rather than just trying to win. The youth of the Greek community might actually stay INSIDE the Church during the Easter ceremonies, rather than going outside and enjoying the ‘social event.’

Our understanding and cultural appreciation for the traditions and customs of Easter have progressively diminished over time. Let’s make an effort to change this, not only for the benefit of ourselves, but also for the future generations to come.

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