I always celebrate Easter with my family. It is a great holiday in Western and Eastern Europe. Early in the morning we go to the church and after a short mass the priest puts the carpet on the altar table. After that all the believers go around the church singing religious songs. Then we go home with our baskets to have holiday breakfast.

In the afternoon we go to the village to see my grandfather’s mother. There we sing songs, go to the river and play games with Easter eggs. After that we go home, have dinner and go to bed in a good mood.

Valentyn, class 8B

Easter is my favourite celebration. My family and I always celebrate it in the village.

My grandma tries to prepare everything till we arrive. When we come to the village we begin to prepare foe Easter celebration. My mum bakes paska and we help her with cooking. In the evening we put the foods into the basket. At night about 4 a.m. we go to church. There we bless the food.

About 6 a.m. we come back home. First we have breakfast, then we go to sleep. During the day we go to the forest, meet with our friends and eat delicious food.

On Tuesday we go to the cemetery where our relatives are buried.

In such way we celebrate Easter.

Tania, class 8B

Easter is one of my favourite holidays. Every year at Easter my family and I go to the village. On Saturday evening my mum and I cook a lot of delicious food. Traditional Easter foods in Ukraine are meat dishes, sausages, eggs, butter and many others.

On Sunday morning our family go to the church. In the afternoon we meet with our relatives and have a picnic in the forest.

I think that Easter is a family holiday. I like this holiday very much because I love my family.

Nastia, class 8B

Easter is my favourite holiday. My family and I always prepare for it.

The day before Easter my granny bakes Easter bread which is called paska and cooks many other foods. The main attribute of Easter is pysanky (Easter eggs). Every year I make them. It is very interesting. Each pysanka is made with love.

Then I prepare the Easter basket. Here must be: pysanky, *sausage, hoseradish,garlic and,* of course paska.

When we have done this we go to church. There we bless the food and then go home. I think it is a special celebration for each family.

Olha, class 8B

Easter is one of the most beautiful holidays of the year. It is celebrated in spring. The holiday’s customs are very interesting and beautiful! There are many traditions of Easter celebration in my family.

Every Friday before Easter my family and I go to the village. On Saturday we have a lot of work to do. Every member of our family has some work to do. My mother and I cook all the Easter dishes. My father and brother clean our yard and garden. In the evening all my family put much tasty food into the basket.

On Sunday morning we all go to the church.

Yaryna, class 8B

Well, Easter is one of my favourite holidays because it`s a family holiday. Every year I and my mum prepare the Easter basket.I like to paint Easter eggs in different colours. It`s very fun. We also go to the church. We go there in the morning .My dad takes the basket and I light the candle and wait till the basket is blessed. After that begins my favourite part of celebration –eating all the provisions from the basket.

There is one more reason why I like Easter, it`s because only on this day all our relatives gather together and we feel like one big family.

By Lesia, class 7B

HOW I CELEBRATE EASTER

For me Easter is a great religious holiday and the beginning of nature awakening. On that day I go to the church and listen to the service. My basket consists of :Easter eggs, Easter cakes, butter, cheese and other delicious provisions.

My family believes that Easter eggs have a magic power and can protect from evil, thunder or fire and have a healing power. In the morning after the Easter service we greet each other and return home for breakfast.

By Anastasia, class 7B

HOW I CELEBRATE EASTER

I`m the happiest person in the world as I have an opportunity to keep the family traditions every spring and see that our people believe in God resurrection. They bake Easter cakes, paint Easter eggs and greet each other and they are glad that this religious holiday unites all the Ukrainian people.

I also celebrate Easter with my family. My parents tell me about the meaning of Easter and after the celebrations we sing songs.

By Michael, class 7B

HOW I CELEBRATE EASTER

Each family has their own customs and traditions concerning Easter. It is celebrated by all believers from small children to adults and elderly people.

As for me, I always keep the lent before Easter. Go to the church and confess. I make a basket and bless it at 3 a.m. After returning home I pray, thank God and eat Easter food. Sometimes we go to the country for celebrating Easter. That`s how I spend the Easter day.

By Diana , class 7B

HOW I CELEBRATE EASTER

Easter is the busiest and the most cheerful holiday. I begin from the baking Easter cake. It is baked in the form of a cylinder and it is very delicious.

On Saturday evening I with my mum prepare basket with beautiful towel, put Easter cake ,boiled and painted eggs, sausage, salt, garlic and some sweets. On Sunday morning I put on new clothes, take my basket and go to the church. After blessing the food I return home and have breakfast with my family. Then we play my favourite game:"Knocking the eggs” ( if you knock somebody`s egg and your egg is not broken – you are the winner).

I also like the second day of Easter, when boys and girls water each other. It`s very funny. I like this holiday!

By Oleg, class 7B

HOW I CELEBRATE EASTER

I want to tell how I celebrate Easter. Two days before Easter I go to the village. I help my grandmother to bake and paint eggs into different colours: red, yellow, pink and orange. We prepare food and in the evening, put it into the basket. At 12 o`clock we go to the church. In the morning we come back home and eat the sacred food. Then I have a rest and walk with my friends.

By Ira, class 7B

HOW I CELEBRATE EASTER

Easter! This holiday is unforgivable! All people prepare to it. They tidy their rooms, wash dishes and cook.

My family prepares to this holiday too. We get together and paint eggs. There is a superstition: “When we draw eggs, we must be in a good mood”. When we draw eggs we are laughing. Afterwards we go to the church, bless food. This is the best holiday of the year.

By Julia., class 7B

HOW I CELEBRATE EASTER

I begin to celebrate Easter from the midnight of the previous day. All our family goes to the church to pray and sing songs about the Jesus Christ. But before going to the church we put different provisions into the basket. In the middle of the basket we put Easter bread and other food such as: leaf lard, smoked meat, cheese, butter, Easter eggs and a candle. In the morning, when the baskets are blessed by the priest, we go home. We sit at the table and begin to eat. By the way it is my favourite holiday because I like to get Easter eggs.

By Katia., class 7B

HOW I CELEBRATE EASTER

I always celebrate this holiday in the village with our relatives. We go to the church at night, then our friends and relatives come to our home and we spend the whole day together. That`s all about it.

By Maria , class 7B

HOW I CELEBRATE EASTER

Easter holiday. I wait for it for the whole year. It is the best Christian holiday. More than two thousand years ago Jesus Christ sacrificed his life to save the humanity. We remember about this event with sorrow and happiness. People bake Easter bread in honour of this day. There is peace and love in the whole world during Easter holidays.

By Inna, class 7B