

## THE PASCHAL SEASON

**Pentecostarion - the period of 50 days - 50 is 7 X 7 + 49 + 1**

<b>Jewish Calendar</b>		<b>Christian Calendar</b>
<b>Pesach (Passover)</b>	<b>Counting the Omer - Leviticus 23:15 Exodus from Egypt The death and Resurrection</b>	<b>Pascha (Greek, Passover)</b>
<b>Lag B'Omer (33 of the Sheaves))</b>	<b>Manna in the desert</b>	<b>Mid-Pentecost (25<sup>th</sup> day + 8<sup>th</sup> day = 33)</b>
<b>Shavu'ot (Weeks)</b>	<b>The giving of the Law The giving of the Spirit</b>	<b>Pentecost (50<sup>th</sup> day)</b>

The Christian Passover is the eight day, the day of new creation

The eighth day of Pascha is Thomas Sunday, also called Antipascha or New Sunday

Passover is actually the triduum, from Holy Thursday evening to sunset on Saturday (Sunday is the third day - on Passover our salvation is accomplished

Eight is the symbolic number behind the eight tones

### The Gospel of the Pentecostarion

	<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Pascha</b>	<b>Vigil: Matthew 28:1-20 Sunday: John 1:1-17</b>	<b>Resurrection</b>
<b>Thomas Sunday</b>	<b>John 20:19-31</b>	<b>Resurrection</b>
<b>Thomas Monday</b>	<b>John 2-1-11 (Wedding at Cana)</b>	<b>Commmoration of the Mother of God</b>
<b>Sunday of the Myrrh- bearers</b>	<b>Mark 15:43-16:8</b>	<b>Resurrection</b>
<b>Sunday of the Paralytic Man</b>	<b>John 5:1-15</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
<b>Mid-Pentecost</b>	<b>John 7:14-30</b>	<b>In the middle of the feast</b>
<b>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</b>	<b>John 4:5-42</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
<b>Final Day (<i>otdanije</i>) of Mid- Pentecost</b>	<b>John 6:5-14</b>	<b>Multiplication of the loaves (Manna)</b>
<b>Sunday of the Man Born Blind</b>	<b>John 9:1-38</b>	<b>Baptism</b>

	<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Ascension</b>	<b>Luke 24:36-53</b>	<b>Resurrection - Glorification of Jesus</b>
<b>Sunday of the Fathers</b>	<b>John 17:1-13</b>	<b>The Council of Nicea (May 29, 325)</b>
<b>All Souls Saturday</b>	<b>John 21:15-25 (end of John's Gospel)</b>	<b>Eusalia (Christianization of pagan feast)</b>
<b>Pentecost</b>	<b>John 7:37-52 and 8:12</b>	<b>Gift of the Holy Spirit, revelation of the Trinity</b>
<b>Pentecost Monday</b>	<b>Matthew 18:10-20</b>	<b>Day of the Holy Spirit</b>
<b>Sunday of All Saints</b>	<b>Matthew 10:32-33. 37-38 and 19:27-30</b>	<b>Discipleship to our Lord (Witnesses to faith)</b>

Why is the Gospel of John read during the 50 days?

#### **Bible events commemorated**

Pascha - Matthew 28:5-6 - "The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said."

Bright Tuesday - the Appearance at Emmaus - Luke 24:30-31 - "And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, broke it and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him."

Sunday of Thomas - the Appearance to Thomas - John 20:26 - "Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them."

Thomas Monday - the Miracle at Cana - John 2:5 - "His mother said to the servers, 'Do whatever he tells you.'"

Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers - Mark 16:8 - "Then they went out and fled from the tomb, seized with trembling and bewilderment. They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid."

Ascension Thursday - the glorification of the Lord - Acts 1:3.9 - "He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God .... When he had said this as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight." [ we stop singing "Christ is risen ... ]

Pentecost - Acts 2:1 - "When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together."