

## Easter Customs Around the World

*Catholics around the world celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter. The customs surrounding the Church liturgies differ in various places and reflect the culture of the people.*

### Ukrainian Easter Eggs

During the early centuries, people in Ukraine decorated eggs in spring, seeing in them a symbol of new life. With the coming of Christianity in the 900s, the eggs became associated with the new life in Jesus Christ, as reflected in the Resurrection.

The decoration of multicolored eggs has become an art form for Ukrainians. Complex designs are drawn with wax on the eggs. The eggs are dipped into dye. The part of the egg covered with wax does not absorb the dye. New designs are drawn on the dyed eggs, and they are dipped into dye. The abstract designs on the eggs and the colors have various meanings. Circles, for example, indicate everlasting life, and the sun represents the all-renewing nature of God.

### Decorate an Egg

Look at examples of Ukrainian Easter eggs on the Internet. Then design your own personal Easter egg out of paper. Use markers or paints to color the egg. Include symbols on your egg that represent your ethnic background.

