



## Moral and habits of Easter's Day (Pascha) of Kalymnos

Many customs are separate on the island of Kalymnos, but the traditions of Easter is very like improvised explosives (dynamite) and stuffed lamb on Easter Sunday, the "Moore", baked in

traditional ovens. Good Friday is a procession of all the epitaph and women chant.

Easter is the greatest feast of orthodoxy, which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ after the great week of passions. The customs of Easter is one of the most beautiful traditions of Greece. The red eggs break on Holy Saturday, the burning of Judas, the altar carrying the Holy Light of the church at home, the procession of the Epitaph on the streets and fireworks to welcome the resurrection are some of the most famous Easter customs.

There are other traditions of Easter is not so well known as the sacrament of Unction where women get together some flour to church after which operation the bidders. Still unknown is how the custom of large manufacturing where nobody paves the bed before the church, so that run-run-bed before the bed of Christ. In unfamiliar customs of Easter include singeing animals are not born with the Holy Light to fruition and the custody of one of the coils of Easter to consume the mayday. Finally a custom of Easter comes from ancient years

before the birth of Christ is to read the “scoop” of lamb called old that can predict the future

In our country every place boasts of some customs, traditions Halloween, Christmas, wedding etc. This island is known for the Passover. Anyone who spent Easter in Kalymnos will live intense moments that will surely draw in his memory, either positive or negative, does not matter.

## THE LAMB



Previously, the process of Easter from the middle of Lent with the purchase of lamb. The Paschal lamb was a big deal for the kids. In Pothia and the Village – the villages had their own lambs – parents had to buy lamb for children. Sometimes prefer lambs from Kos who were more tame, since the Kalymnos was wild, because the greatest joy of the children were learning the lamb to follow them. The first concern of the children just acquired lambs was to weave the “food”, a round ornament the forehead of lamb made of colorful wool yarn. When returning

from the school, their greatest pleasure was to make the lamb in the pasture, usually in the company of other children.

Tried the first time that they received to do everything possible to follow them without a rope and it was a great pleasure when you succeed. The hours were small lamb to school expecting them tied to railings in the street or the garden. Of course it was great sadness when their children slaughtered companion with whom she had spent wonderful moments. Today most families buy their slain lamb and enjoyable moments of these children lacking. The lamb is slaughtered the morning of Holy Saturday with the blood of the cross to make a door.

## **LAZARUS**

The last two Saturdays of Lent they say "Lazarus." The first Saturday is the poor man Lazarus and the second, that is to say before Sunday the Vaya is the "rich Lazarus". For the poor Lazarus some doubts about the report, but the wealthy are clearly mentioned that the friend of Christ, the brother of Martha and Mary.

Both Saturdays Lazarus housewives make lazarakia. Lazarakia made with flour, sugar, spices and tahini. It filled in the abdomen with raisins and have

the form dead with crossed hands. Symbolize shrouded Lazarus who resurrected Christ. Lazarakia other hand is the food of the great weeks on the other housewives give their children who will sing the carols.



Easter for Greece is the most important feast of the year. But especially in our island, Kalymnos, celebrating with many local Easter customs come from ancient times and kept up to date.

Shortly before the coming Megalovdomada housewives all one after the other starting to whitewash and paint their houses, stairs and roads and so all the neighborhoods are clean. Most families buy them live the Easter lamb, which they grow in their gardens. Mums with children weave a ball of colored yarn tassels which we call and hang in our neck of lamb.

Saturday of Lazarus getting all children in neighborhoods and say the song "Lazarus." On the same day the housewives knead and bake Lazarakos (Lenten buns with the human form) and buns together with Avgoulas.

On the evening of Holy Thursday all, go to the church to watch the crucifixion of Christ. Finishing operation, the women remain in the Church and begin the

lamentations of a crucifix which lasts almost all night. The next day at noon after the deposition of the island's cemeteries are filled with people where everyone goes flowers on the graves of its own.

Already in each parish and one hanging Judas made of straw which we burn Sunday of Easter.

To the great Friday evening young girls and women dress myrrhbearers and sing in the church square, accompanied by the praise of myrrhbearers and parishioners. After we finish with the procession of the Epitaph go to church and pass beneath the epitaph.



The big Saturday morning men slaughtering lambs so that housewives to clean and prepare them to bake in the oven in the afternoon. At 12:00 noon, many people go to the main square to watch the spectacle with dynamites are beginning to fall from the mountains once the bell rang for the first Resurrection. Afternoon Kalymnian furnaces have already begun to illuminate the branches that have

collected in previous days. Once we put in enough warm clay containing our lambs, “berry” and close the oven door with stones and mud.

On the evening of Holy Saturday everyone goes to church to receive the Holy Light and hear “Christ is risen.” After the church gathered in homes and families eat the Easter podokefalo. On the morning of Easter Sunday in the ovens going and get our berry. The evening is the evening prayer of Love, where he told the priests the Bible in 7 languages and distributes Despot red eggs.

In the evening we all go to the square to watch the show with their dynamite dropped simultaneously from the two mountains.

For me and for many others, the traditions of Kalymnos Easter stand out from the customs of the rest of the country!!

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