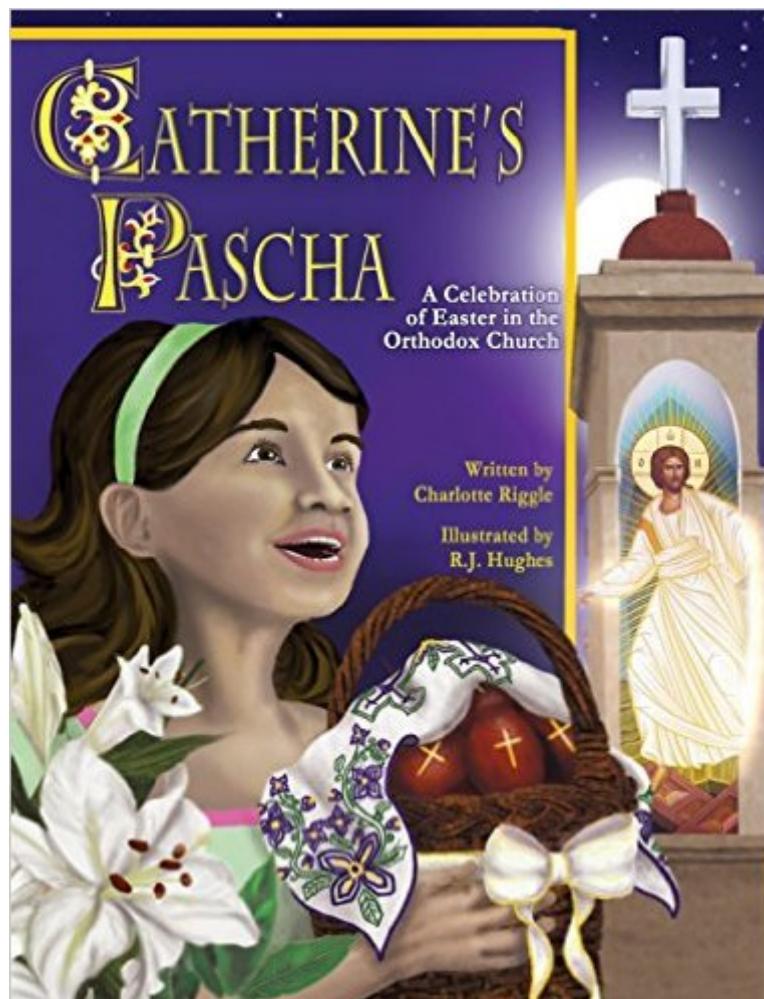


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# Catherine's Pascha



## **Synopsis**

It's Pascha, and Catherine is determined to stay awake all night. Can she do it? Will she remember how to say "Christ is risen!" in Russian? Will her best friend Elizabeth remember how to say it in Greek? Will their parents let them play with burning candles, smash hard-boiled eggs, and eat sweets until the sun rises on Pascha?

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

A few words about Catherine's Pascha, a children's book coming out this year. The book is written by a friend of mine, Charli Riggle. On New Year's Day, I was lucky enough to see a galley proof of this book, which is scheduled to come out soon. There is something very unique about this book. It is written entirely in the voice of a 6 year old girl. It is not in the voice of an adult speaking to a child or interpreting the words of a child. Because of that, you will have a brief experience of the Easter Vigil (Pascha) of a child. If we are to come to Jesus as a child, this would be a good place to start. (Jesus did not say to stay as a child, but to come to him as a child. There is a difference.) Think of the things that would be important to a child. Think of how a child relates to others, including a friend (who just happens to be in a wheel chair). Think of a child figuring some things out. Think of the joy of a child. This book is written from an Orthodox point of view. However, there is a glossary and frequently asked questions in the back to fill in the blanks for those from different traditions. This book would be good to introduce the subject of the Great Vigil to a child, whether or not the child is

Orthodox. Many of the ideas carry over to Roman, Anglican, and Lutheran Easter Vigils. (Remember that the Orthodox maintain a much stricter fast than other Christians, so that this does work its way into the story.) I strongly suggest that you check this book out, especially if you want to introduce these ideas to a child.

Beautiful illustrations, luxurious paper printing. My children love reliving Pascha throughout the year with this book, and seeing that we share the celebration with churches all over the world. A must for all my godchildren.

Great Pascha book! Beautiful illustrations, cute story of the Pascha service from a child's point of view. Great for the young in your family, and newcomers to the Orthodox faith. Does a good job explaining without being overwhelming.

This is a gorgeous new book about Pascha... and also about geography, history, diversity and disabilities. I'm not of any faith that celebrates this holiday, but I am very impressed with this book. I hope it gets turned into a series - could be great for all kinds of unit studies. The author website looks like it will have a variety of educational resources, as well.

My 7 year old son and I loved this book! We read it several times before Pascha, which I believe helped him prepare. It also gave him a goal of staying awake for the whole thing, which he DID. In the margins there are illustrations of Churches all around the world which adds a whole other dimension to the book and another topic to talk about. The book has its own website with additional information, activities and recipes.

Wonderful book with beautiful pictures that draw a child into the story. Gave this to my daughter for her birthday and everyone was impressed with it. It really does make a great gift. I plan on buying more.

What a joy it is to review Catherine's Pascha by Charlotte Riggle and illustrated by R.J. Hughes. I had the pleasure of having a pre-release copy and hosting a party to celebrate the book's impending release in our parish, and what struck me most during the reading of the book is how it held the kids' attention. In fact, as I was reading the book to my Sunday School class, several of our teens even came in and stayed for the rest of the reading, clearly enjoying the rich illustrations in the

book. The narrative is written beautifully from the view point of a young child and reflects her observations of everything she sees and hears during this special late night service. Additionally, each page features phrases from the Liturgy's prayers beautifully written around the edge of the scene being depicted, and flanked by illustrations of Orthodox churches around the world celebrating the feast. Like the Paschal Liturgy itself, this book features layers of richness in the text, prayers, and illustrations that invite continued re-reading and reflection by young and old alike. The author and illustrator have done a marvelous job of reflecting the unity of the faith and the unique joy that we feel at Pascha as we break the fast as a church - not only within our own parishes and the local church/diocesan level, but with our brothers and sisters in Christ all over the world within the Orthodox Christian Church. A masterpiece of children's books about the faith, I cannot recommend this highly enough for parents of young children to enjoy together with their little ones to enter into a deeper experience of this feast of feasts together as a family.

Catherine, the book's main character, gives us a glimpse into the experience of a young girl attending the the biggest event of the year for Orthodox Christians, the long-awaited Pascha celebration. There's the special dress, the evening nap, the hot wax from her candle, the struggle to keep awake, the joyful "Christ is Risen!", the laughter with friends and family, and the anticipation of finally getting to eat that favorite food she'd gone without all through Lent. Like a newcomer's first visit to an Orthodox Christian church, this book offers a lot to take in - not just in words, but visually - and leads the reader to want to know more. Besides the main story and illustrations, readers are given backdrop illustrations of Orthodox churches around the world who are also celebrating the Resurrection of Christ. The author provides a FAQ and handy glossary in back for those unfamiliar with Orthodox terms and traditions and includes the traditional Paschal greeting and response in several languages (with pronunciation!). But Catherine's Pascha doesn't end there... There is also a website, filled with activities, recipes, resources, and more! Whether you are a parent or godparent looking for just the right picture book to place in a child's Pascha basket, a teacher searching for educational resources to help teach your students about the celebration of Pascha, or a children's librarian seeking books about Easter traditions to add to your library's collection, you will not be disappointed with Catherine's Pascha.

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