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In Photos: Russia Celebrates Western Easter Sunday

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While most Russians, as followers of the Orthodox Christain traditions, will mark Easter on May 2, the country's Protestant and Catholic parishes took part in the Western-style celebrations on Sunday. Marking the holiday amid the pandemic, Russia's Christian believers had to forgo some Easter rituals such as foot washing and the ceremonial kissing of the cross, but the Easter Sunday church services proceeded as usual. Here is how Protestants and Catholics across Russia celebrated Easter morning mass:



Unlike the Protestant and Catholic churches, Russian Orthodox Church observes Easter based on the Julian Calendar. **Kirill Kukhmar / TASS**

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