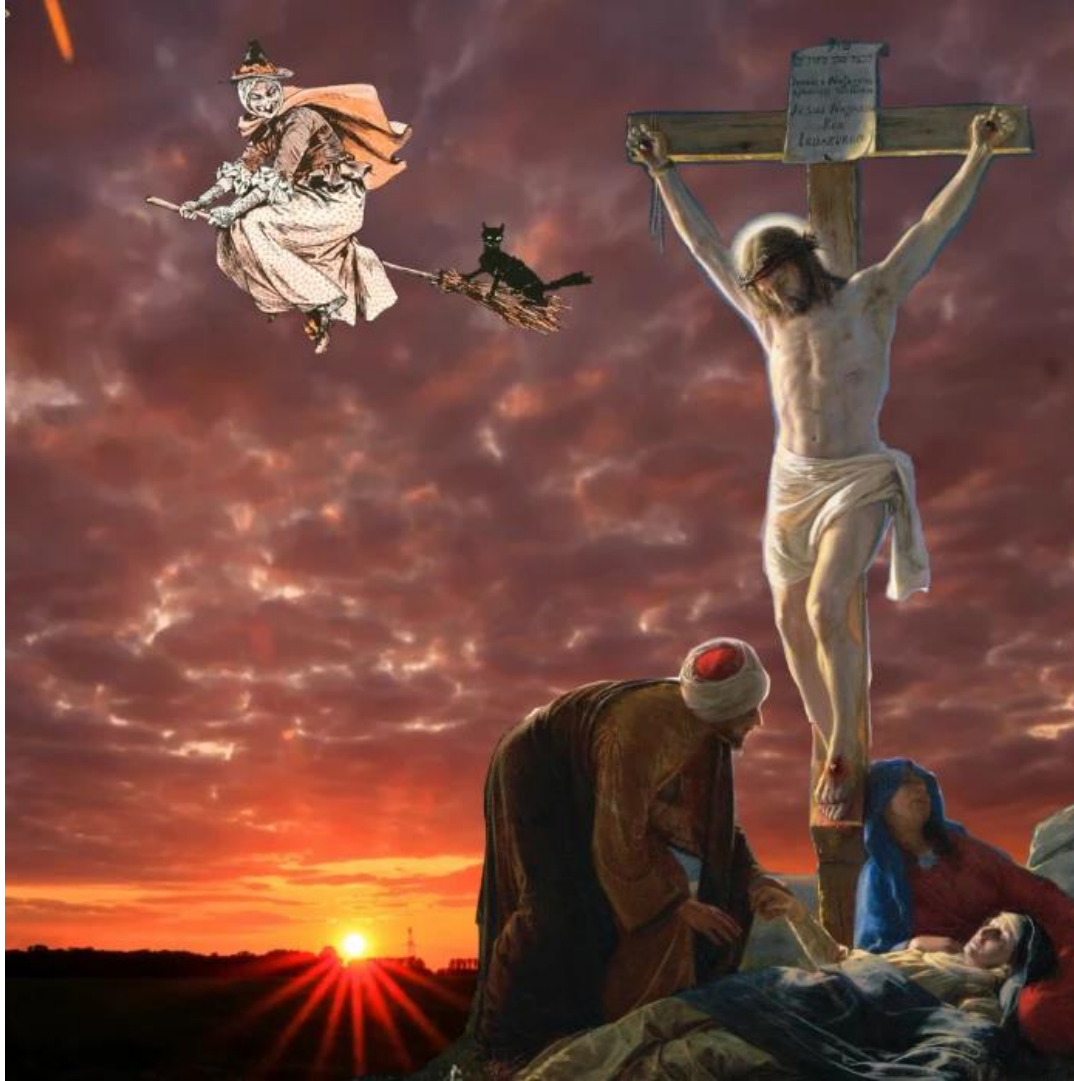


Easter, when old pagan beliefs and Christian church traditions are blended.





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Easter tradition in Finland: Little witches are walking around neighborhood and asking if they can give blessings and selfmade decorated willow branch.



willow-branch are the earliest to start wake up
after long cold winter...





Children decorated these kind willow branch.



When they have made enough decorated willow-branch they dress up as Easter-witch.



Paint and decorate the
Easter Eggs comes
from Russia.







Children walk around the neighborhood and give people their blessings and decorated willow branch. And for thanks they are given sweets and special chocolate-eggs with surprise toys.





Because there isn't anything growing outdoors it is very popular tradition to put grass seeds to grow in little pots by the windows indoors.













MÄMMI traditional Easter dessert made of rey flour







Hyvää pääsiäistä!



In West coast of Finland Easter tradition is to make big fire to banish all witches during easter time.

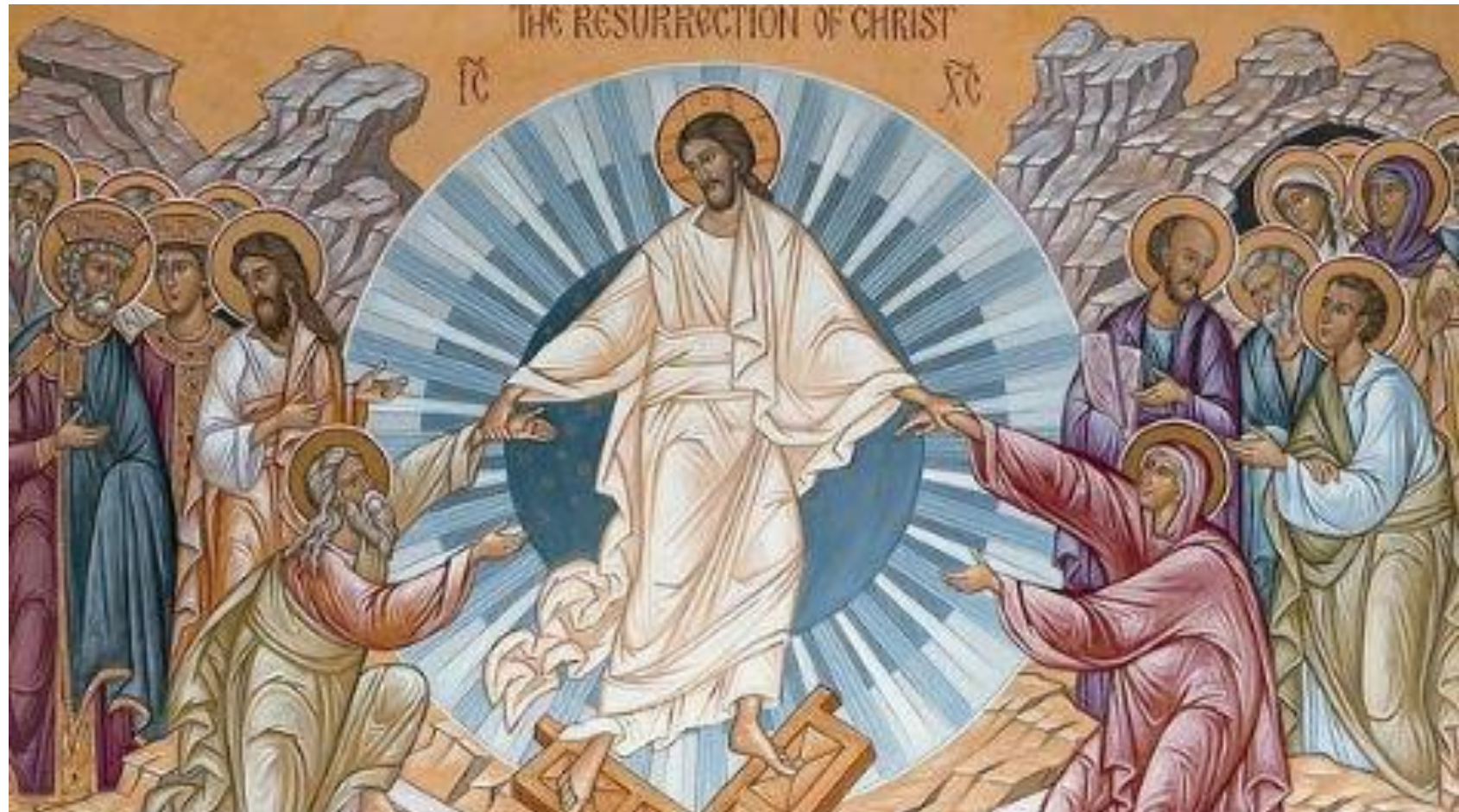




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THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST



Uspesk -cathedral Orthodox in Helsinki







