**EASTER**

On Easter Day, all the people of this Greek village attended the mass and then walked to the countryside. The Easter tables were set and the men were roasting the Easter lamb. They sat down at the tables, offering Papa-Kyriakos, the priest, a special seat. And then the feast began. They were eating happily, enjoying their Easter meal after a 40-day fast. Grown-ups were drinking local wine and joking while children were playing and singing, wishing everybody

“Happy Easter”.

*From “Eξοχική Λαμπρή” by Aλέξανδρος Παπαδιαμάντης*

“...At Easter there were programs on the Norwegian TV of another kind: detective series.

Nobody quite knew why, but for some reason Easter is the most popular time for reading crime stories and detective novels in Norway. The TV stations all had at least one detective series on the air at Easter. The series and the books were referred to as “Easter-crime”.

Going skiing in the mountains is for many Norwegians what Easter holidays are all about. Getting away from the city, enjoying the snow and the weather and not to mention getting a tan to show off when back at work are popular things to do during

the vacation....”

*From Olaf Amundsen, Norway*

“...In many communities in Mexico, the full Passion Play is enacted from the Last Supper, the Betrayal, the Judgement, the Procession of the 12 Stations of the Cross, the Crucifixion and finally, the Resurrection. The enactments are often nicely staged, costumed and acted, with participants preparing for their roles for nearly the full year leading up to Semana Santa(Holy Week)....” *From Esther Martinez, Mexico City*

**GLOSSARY (από το γλωσσάρι)**

1. Roast=----------------------------
2. Lamb=----------------------------
3. Priest=---------------------------
4. Fast=----------------------------
5. Crime=--------------------------
6. Vacation=-----------------------
7. Community=--------------------
8. Passion play=-------------------
9. Passion Week=-----------------
10. Last Supper=----------------
11. Betrayal=---------------------
12. Judgement=-----------------
13. Procession=-----------------
14. Cross=------------------------
15. Crucifixion=------------------
16. Resurrection=---------------
17. Holy Week=------------------

