



## Easter celebrations in Vietnam

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In seaside Vung Tau, Vietnam, the Easter service was led by Rev. Sergiy Zvonarev, DECR acting secretary for far-abroad countries, who came to the city for the purpose at the request from the local Orthodox community, the Russian Orthodox Parish of Our Lady of Kazan.

The Easter service, just as the Holy Week services before it, was celebrated at the cultural center for Russian specialists of the Vietsovpetro joint venture, arranged temporarily as a church.

On Great Saturday, Easter cakes baked by a local bakery were blessed.

According to the established tradition, numerous believers walked in a procession with the cross through the district.

The night service was attended by Vietsovpetro workers and their families, Russians living in Vung Tau and other parts of the country as well as guests who came from Lebanon and Cambodia.

After the Easter liturgy, a festive repast took place. The priest brought Easter greetings and noted the importance of bearing Orthodox witness in distant parts of the world.

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