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### **EASTER HOLIDAY IN GEORGIA AND IN GERMANY**

Easter is the most important religious holiday in Georgia; it lasts a week. The Passion Week – from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday – is a preparation period before magnificent resurrection of the Crucified Christ.

In Germany the Easter period consists of five festive days: Palm Sunday, Easter Thursday, Good Friday, Passover Sunday and Passover Monday. In Germany the Easter Holiday has been celebrated since the 4<sup>th</sup> century. There was a similar pagan German holiday in the pre-Christian era. In Germany Easter became a Christian holiday after the spread of Christianity there.