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Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday) is the biggest feast of the Catholic church during the liturgical year. We begin to celebrate Easter late in the evening of Holy Saturday at a service called the Easter Vigil. The liturgy starts in total darkness with the blessing of the Easter fire, the lighting of the large Paschal candle which symbolizes the Risen Christ. The Easter Proclamation is sung and after that several readings from the Old Testament are read. The climax is the singing of the Gloria and the Alleluia and the proclamation of the Gospel of the resurrection. The Easter Vigil concludes with the solemn celebration of the Eucharist. Dear fellow Branch Officers and Members of the Chicago District FCSLA, I am praying for us that we may today joyfully exclaim from the deepest part of our heart: Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Jesus really rose from the dead and now is alive here in our midst!

