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Pysanky

ПИСАНКА (*Ukrainian*)

Pysanky, Ukrainian Easter eggs, are decorated using a wax-resist (batik) technique. The word comes from the verb *pysaty*, "to write", meaning that the designs are not painted on the eggs, but written with beeswax. The intricate motif of each egg, as well as the colors, each have special symbolic meaning. During the Easter Season the decorated eggs are lovingly given to family members and friends as a symbolic gift of life, and for Christians, a symbol of Easter and the Resurrection. These beautiful eggs are just one example of Ukraine's rich cultural heritage, and are a reminder that our Ukrainian brothers and sisters are in need of our prayers and support during their life struggle to maintain their national sovereignty.