**EXTINGUISHING THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

After the Gospel, and after the deacon has censed the celebrant, the celebrant says:

The great forty days are over; the Lord hath ascended into Heaven; and so in His Name, I extinguish this paschal candle, which for forty days has symbolized among us, His risen body, for a token that as its light, leaving this lower world, passes to higher realms, so may we in heart and mind thither ascend and with Him do continually dwell. Amen.