Prayers at Table on the Most Glorious and Radiant Sunday of Pascha

Performed at home before the Paschal meal, i.e. the breaking of the fast,
if the blessing of the Paschal food in church is impossible

The senior member of the household says:
Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.

And we sing: Amen.

PASCHAL TROPARION, TONE 5

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (Thrice)

And the senior member of the household says these prayers:

Prayer over the Flesh Meat on Pascha

O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, look down upon this flesh meat and sanctify it, as thou didst sanctify the ram which faithful Abraham brought unto thee, and the lamb which Abel offered unto thee as a whole-burnt offering, and likewise also the fatted calf which thou didst command to be slain for thy prodigal son when he returned again to thee: that as he was counted worthy to delight in thy good things, so we might also delight in those things that are sanctified and blessed by thee for the nourishment of us all. For thou art the true Nourishment and the Giver of good things, and unto thee do we send up glory, together with thy Father who is without beginning, and thine all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Prayer over the Cheese and Eggs on Pascha

O Master, Lord our God, Creator and Fashioner of all things: Do thou bless this curdled milk and also these eggs, and preserve us in thy goodness, so that, partaking of them, we may be filled with thy gifts, ungrudgingly bestowed, and with thine ineffable goodness. For thine is the might, and thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Then the senior member of the household sprinkles the food (including the ‘Paschal baskets’) with holy water, if it is available, saying: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.