



### Anticipation and the Super Bowl

“We waited, and at Last our expectations were fulfilled.” ---Bishop Nikolai of Ochrid (+1956)  
<http://orthodoxinfo.com/general/stnikolai.aspx>

Why would we want to start thinking of Pascha in February, when winter is at its zenith?

Why would football fans want to start thinking Super Bowl in the heat of summer? Some care not about football until the playoffs; these folks are often called “bandwagon jumpers.” While the jumpers may have a good time joining in on all the fun in January and February, how much more sweet is the victory for the true fan who has followed and supported his or her team since the pre-season?

As Christians, we have the wonderful opportunity to walk with Jesus throughout this entire commemoration. Multiplied joy awaits those who have waited and watched, remembering and anticipating all through Great Lent until we finally come to the Holy Week and ultimately to the Day of Resurrection!

The St. Nicholas Orthodox Church team is so happy you decided to join us on this

Journey to Pascha (Easter)!