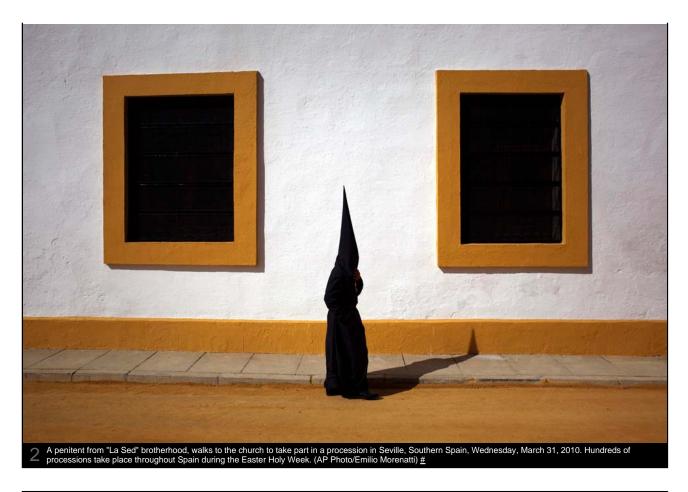


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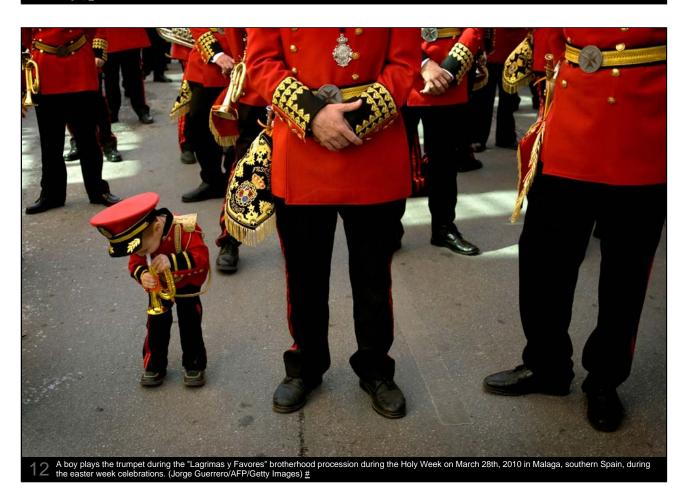


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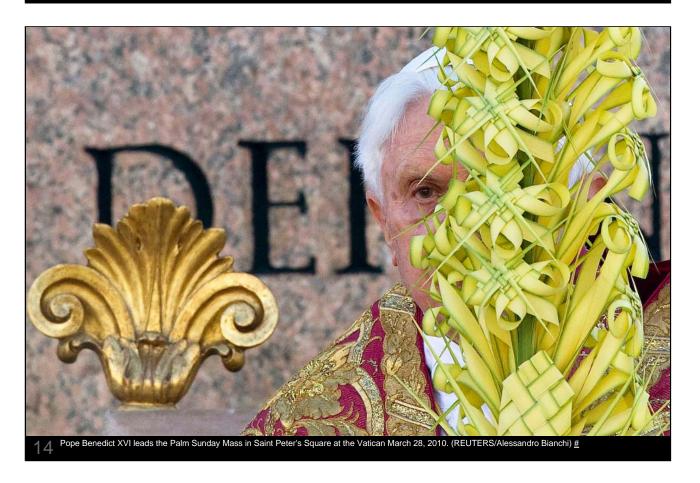


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Deacon Buruk Kidane has his feet and hands washed by Reverend Gebrekiros at the Ethiopian Orthodox Church April 1, 2010 in Denver, Colorado. (Matt McClain/Getty Images) #





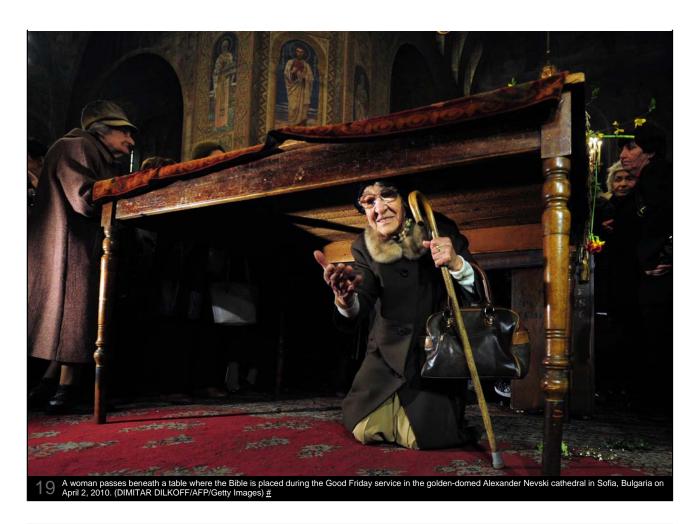
"Empalaos" in Valverde de la Vera, Extremadura, Spain on Thursday, April 1, 2010. (AP Photo/Arturo Rodriguez) #





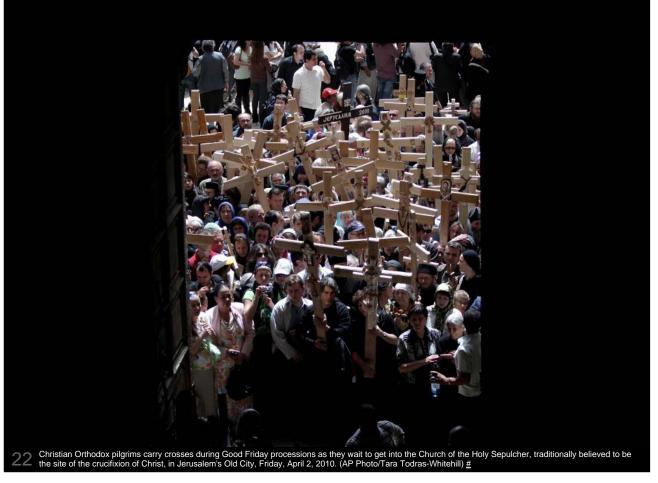
## Greece on Friday, April 2, 2010. (AP Photo/Petros Giannakouris) #













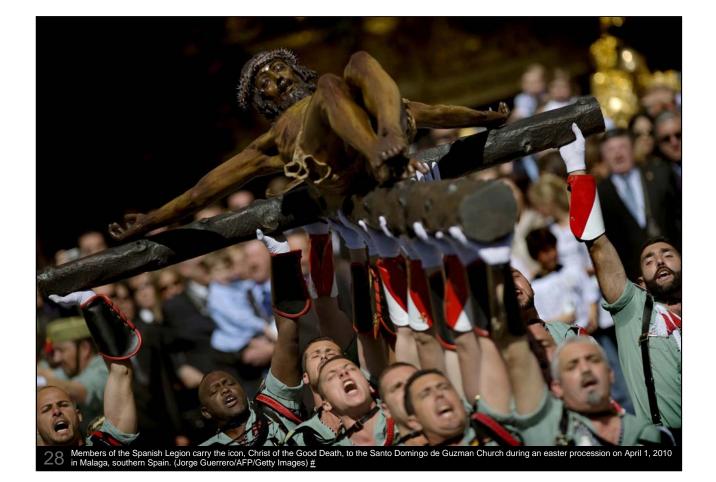




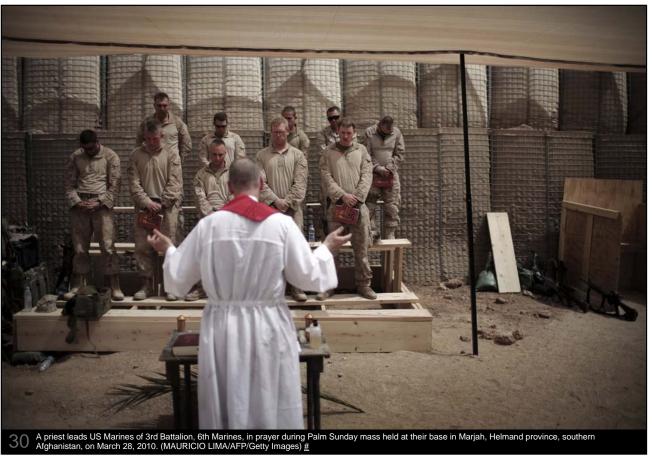




A masked Christian dressed as a devil, popularly known as a "Talsiguin", lashes a man from the crowd during the celebration of an ancient local Catholic tradition which marks the start of Holy Week, on March 29, 2010 in Texistepeque, El Salvador. Catholic faithful are lashed by the Talciguines to cleanse their sins. (Jose CABEZAS/AFP/Getty Images) #





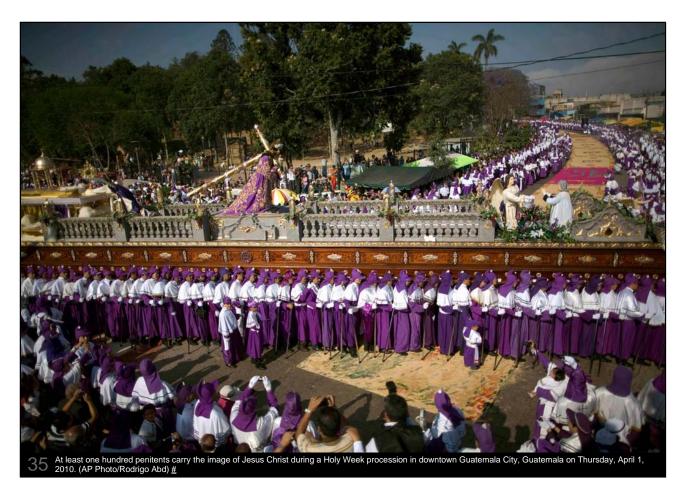
















The blood-covered leg of a penitent, resting on a bloodied step during a procession through the streets in the town of Verbicaro, southern Italy on April 2, 2010. The penitents, called "battenti", or beaters, hit their legs with a "cardillo" (a cork with attached pieces of glass) and walk, bleeding, in groups of three through the streets, stopping in front of all the churches and chapels in the town. The tradition began in the thirteenth century and serves as penitence for Christ's death. (REUTERS/Alessandro Bianchi) #





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