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May 9 is Victory Day in Russia, a national holiday which remembers the defeat of Nazi Germany in World War II and honours 20 million Soviets who died in the war.

History

The fighting of World War II in Europe ended on May 2nd, 1945. The surrender of German troops was signed on May 4th and 5th but officially the war ended at midnight on May 8th 1945. To remember this important event, it was created a national holiday called Victory Day which is celebrated on May 9th in Russia.

1941

1945

ПОДВИГ ВАШ
БЕССМЕРТЕН

Celebration

The May 9 holiday was introduced in 1945, starting from 1947 it was not officially celebrated for many years and was a working day. It became widely celebrated in the USSR only twenty years later, in the jubilee year of 1965, when the Victory Day again turned to be a rest day.

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69 лет
Великой Победы!

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Victory Parade in Red Square

Many people attend a local military parade and watch the fireworks at night on Victory Day. The biggest parade is in Moscow's Red Square, showcasing Russia's military forces. Most veterans wear their medals. Another tradition is to give flowers to veterans in the street and to lay wreaths at the war memorial sites.

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