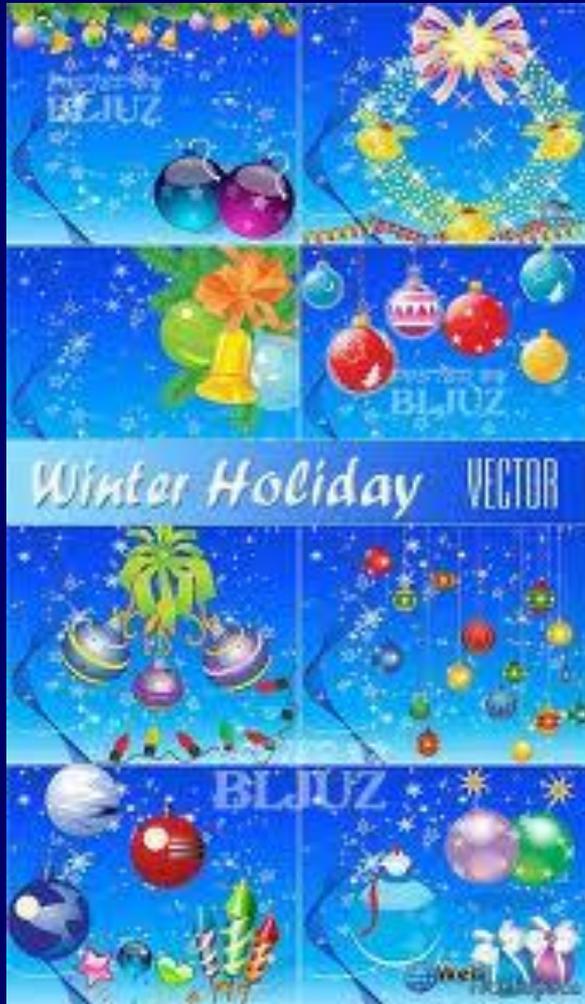


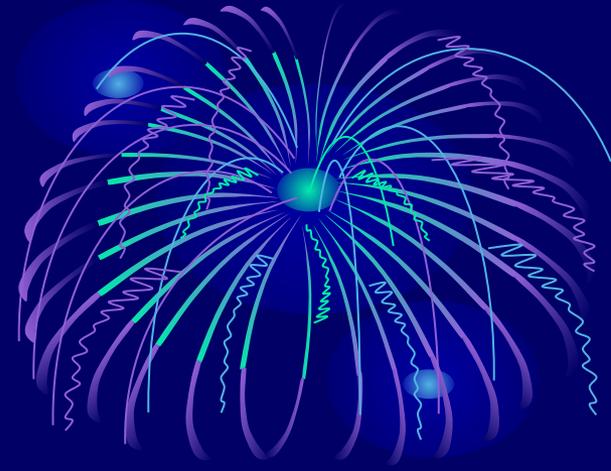
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- *RUSSIAN WINTER FESTIVALS' GUIDE*



New Year



- *NEW YEAR IS A REMARKABLE WINTER HOLIDAY WHICH IS MARKED IN THE NIGHT FROM DECEMBER, 31ST TILL JANUARY, 1ST. IT IS THE MOST ANCIENT OF ALL EXISTING HOLIDAYS AND THE MOST FAVOURITE ONE PRACTICALLY FOR ALL PEOPLE. PEOPLE PREPARE FOR NEW YEAR IN ADVANCE.*



- PEOPLE DECORATE
A NEW YEAR TREE.
A NEW YEAR TREE
IS THE MAIN
SYMBOL OF NEW
YEAR.



- THE MODERN HOLIDAY IS ACCOMPANIED BY VARIOUS GIFTS AND BRIGHT FIREWORKS. GIFTS CAN BE LEFT UNDER A NEW YEAR TREE OR THEY ARE BROUGHT BY FATHER FROST.

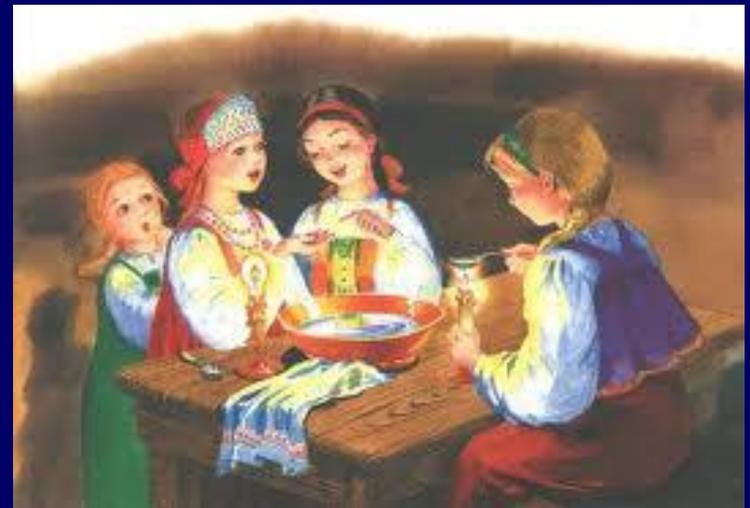
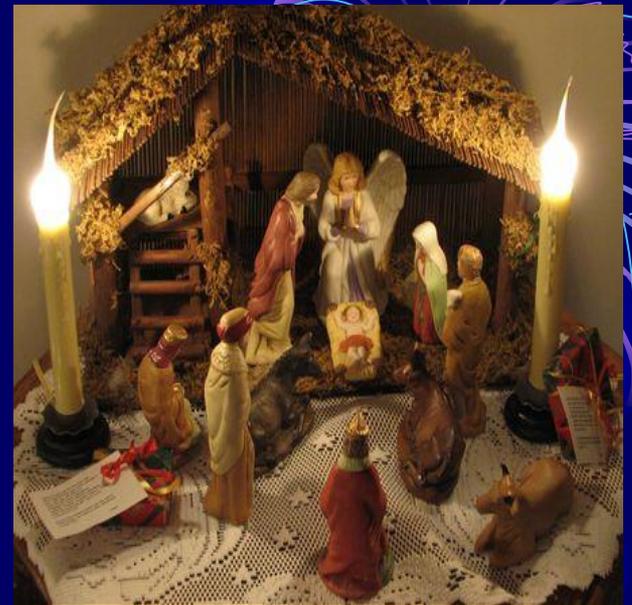


Christmas

- ON JANUARY, 7TH
THE SACRED
ORTHODOX CHURCH
CELEBRATES A
GREAT HOLIDAY -
THE BIRTH OF
JESUS CHRIST.



- AT CHRISTMAS
NIGHT GIRLS TELL
FORTUNES.

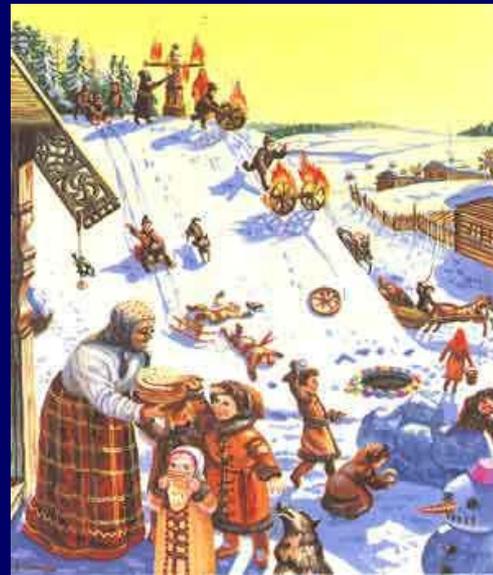




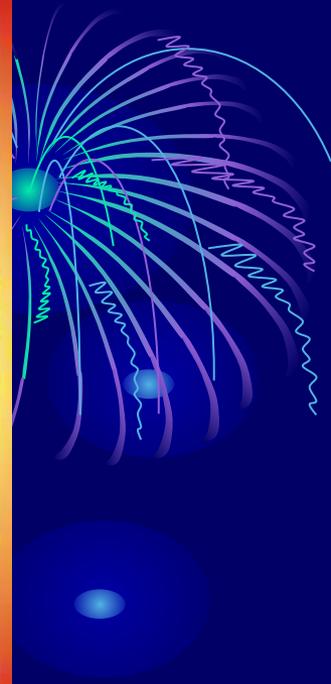
- AND IN THE MORNING ALL GO ROUND CAROL-SINGING.

Pancake week

PANCAKE WEEK IS
ONE OF THE
LIGHTEST AND
MOST CHEERFUL
RUSSIAN HOLIDAYS.

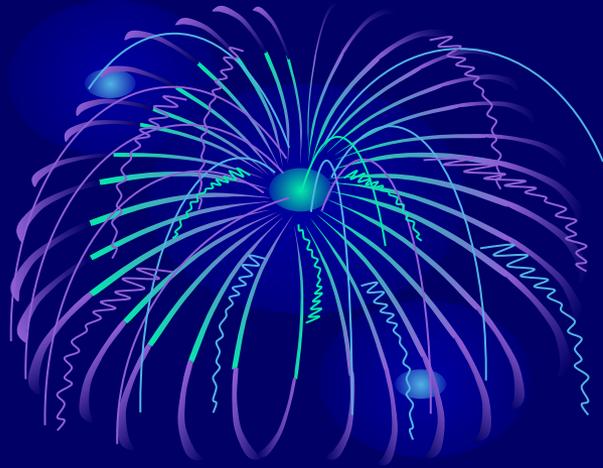


- WITHIN A WEEK WE SEE OFF WINTER AND WE MEET LONG-AWAITED SPRING. PANCAKES ARE TRADITIONALLY BAKED, NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS ARE ARRANGED. IT IS ACCEPTED TO VISIT AND INVITE VISITORS.



PROSHCHENOE
VOSKRESENE IS THE
LAST DAY OF PANCAKE
WEEK. ON THIS DAY
PEOPLE BURN A MAN
OF STRAW – A SYMBOL
OF WINTER, AND SEE
OFF COLDS TILL NEXT
YEAR. ALL ASK EACH
OTHER'S PARDON.





The End