

SOS OUR WATER SOURCES



*Bulgarian water
customs and
traditions*



Made by: *Miliana, Dimana, Vasilena*

“G.S.Rakovski”

Romance Languages
Secondary School

Burgas, Bulgaria

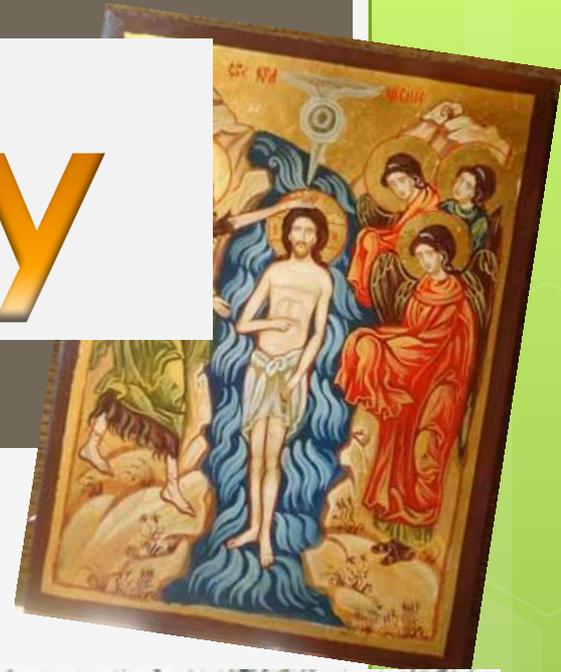


Bulgarian customs and traditions

- *Epiphany/ St. Jordan's Day*
- *The Beauty and the Dragon Legend*
- *St. Lazarus' Day/ Lazaruvane*
- *The day of St. George*
- *The cult of St. Marina*
- *Butterfly Rituals/ Peperuda*

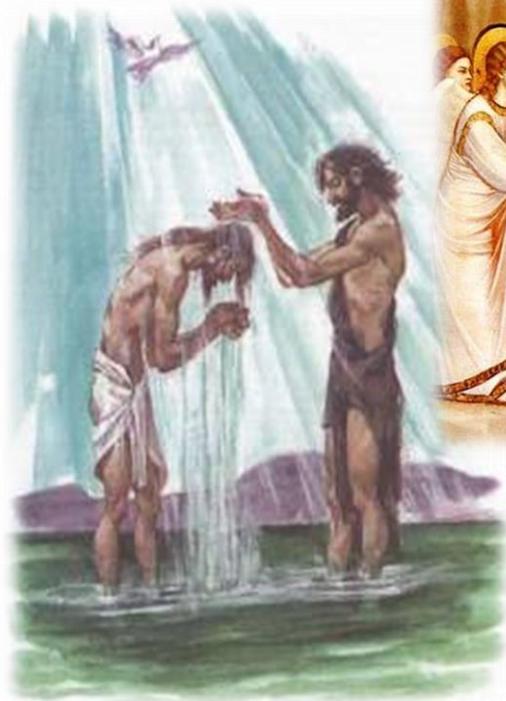


Epiphany





- Commemorated on 6 January.
- On that day Jesus Christ was baptized in the Jordan



- Known in Bulgaria as Bogoyavlenie or Yordanovden.
- On this day, a wooden cross is thrown into the sea and young men race to retrieve it.
- Name day of Jordan, Bogdan, Boyan.

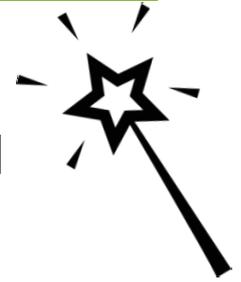




The pier of Burgas

○ The Beauty and the Dragon.

- A young beauty is snatched by a Dragon and taken into his cave.
- Her tears trickle down the cave walls and form a spring
- Today people believe that the water dripping in the cave is curative and has magical power.



Lazaruvane



- ❖ **St. Lazarus' Day (Lazarov den) is a Christian holiday, which is a symbol of health and longevity.**
- ❖ **Lazarov den is celebrated on the eighth day before Easter.**



On this day the custom of Lazaruvane takes place. Young women called "lazarki" pick flowers and make wreaths



Girls are dressed in Bulgarian traditional costumes.



Young girls on their way to the river



Traditional dances in the village square

The Day of St. Georgi (6th of May)

- Popular belief claims that at this time of the year everything is “drenched in good dew”.
- People go to a field or a meadow, where they roll in the morning dew.
- In some places people only walk barefoot in dew, wash their hands and face with it or bathe in rivers.
- Another ritual related to dew is gathering it and carrying it home.



THE DAY OF ST. GEORGI (6TH MAY)



The cult of St. Marina (17th July)

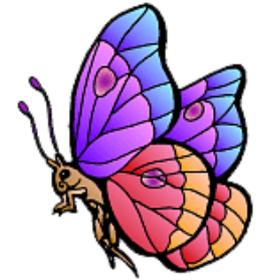
- St. Marina is the patron of the town of Sozopol, which also celebrates the holiday. It is believed that the saint is the patron of water and protectress of the city.
- In many churches and monasteries that bear her name, there are healing waters whose forces are said to be increasing on the 17th of July.



The cult of St. Marina (17th July)



”Butterfly”



- the popular name of the most widespread custom for **rain** in Bulgaria
- the main participants are **children** and **women**
- an **orphan** is the butterfly
- After the butterfly is dressed and adorned in **greenery and flowers** (it looks like a small moving bush or green hive), a group of girls leads it with songs around the village



Peperuda

Butterfly girls



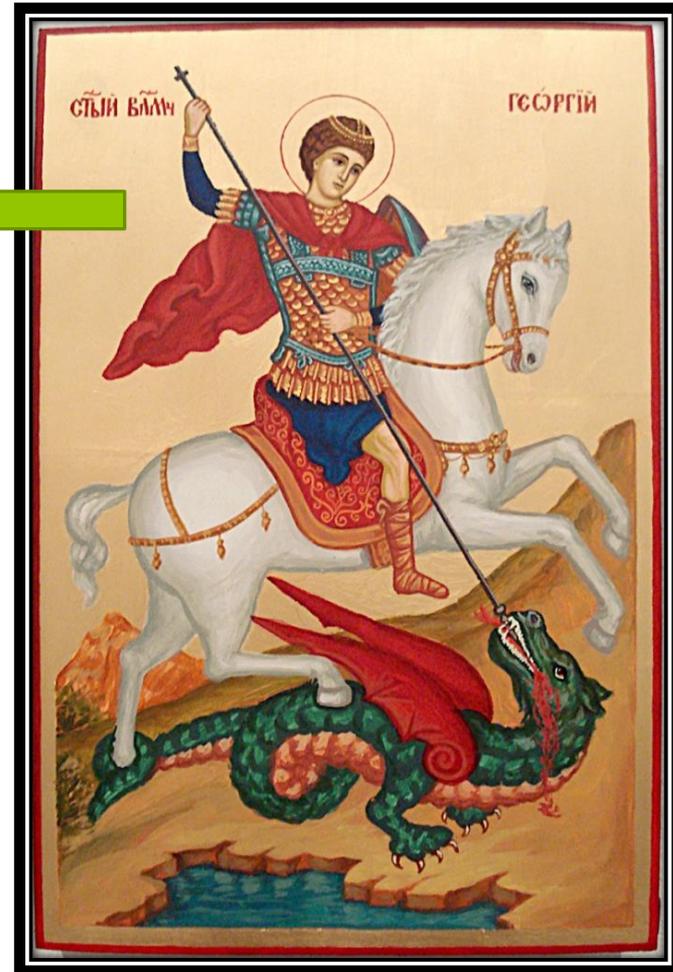


*? Your
turn?*



Who is in the picture?

- a) St. George
- b) Jesus
- c) St. Marina



On which day is Epiphany celebrated?

- a) On 16 January
- b) On 26 January
- c) On 6 January



What is the name of this custom?

- a) "Lazaruvane"
- b) "Butterfly" ←
- c) "Epiphany"



The name of Lazarus is a:

- a) Symbol of health and longevity. ←
- b) Symbol of peace
- c) Symbol of love



Ой Лазаре, Лазаре
добре стори,че дойде,
че Великден наближи,
че Великден ще дойде

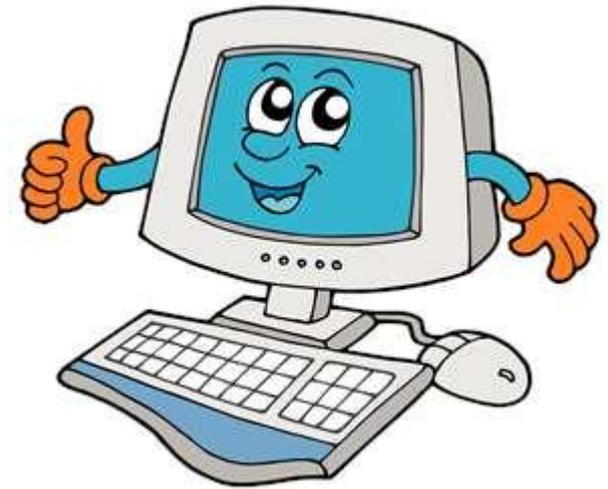


**Sing along
and dance
with us**



THANK YOU FOR
YOUR ATTENTION





Find out more on:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wik>

www.waterresources.com

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:>

[Bulgarian traditions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Bulgarian_traditions)

