

***CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAY***

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## ***.CHRISTMAS***

Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world. Christmas Day is a public holiday in many of the world's nations, is celebrated religiously by a majority of Christians, as well as culturally by many non-Christians, and forms an integral part of the holiday season centered around it.



# ***TRADITIONAL .CHRISTMAS***

The traditional Christmas narrative, the Nativity of Jesus, delineated in the New Testament says that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in accordance with messianic prophecies. When Joseph and Mary arrived in the city, the inn had no room and so they were Christ offered a stable where the Child was soon born, with angels proclaiming this news to shepherds who then further disseminated the information



# ***CHURCH .ATTENDANCE***

Christmas Day is a Festival in the Lutheran Churches, a holy day of obligation in the Roman Catholic Church, and a Principal Feast of the Anglican Communion. Christmas, along with Easter, is the period of highest annual church attendance



## ***.DECORATIONS***

The traditional colors of Christmas decorations is red ,green and gold.Red symbolizes the blood of Jesus,green symbolizes eternal life,and in particular the evergreen tree,gold is the first color associated with Christmas symbolizing royalty.Traditional decorations include bells, candles,candy .canes,stockings,wreaths and angels



## ***.Nativity play***

For the Christian celebration of Christmas, the viewing of the Nativity play is one of the oldest Christmastime traditions, with the first reenactment of the Nativity of Jesus taking place in A.D.1223. In that year, Francis of Assisi assembled a Nativity scene outside of his church in Italy and children sang Christmas carols celebrating the .birth of Jesus



# *Music and .carols*

The songs now known specifically as carols were originally communal folk songs sung during celebrations such as harvest time as well as Christmas. It was only later that carols began to be sung in church. Traditionally, carols have often been based on medieval chord patterns, and it is this that gives them their uniquely characteristic musical sound.





# ***TRADITIONAL .CUISINE***

A special Christmas family meal is traditionally an important part of the holiday's celebration. Christmas meal includes turkey, goose or other large bird, gravy, potatoes, vegetables, sometimes bread and cider. Special desserts are also prepared, such as Christmas pudding, mince pies, Christmas cake, Panettone and Yule log cake. Traditional Christmas meal in Central Europe is fried carp or other fish.



## **.CARDS**

Christmas cards are illustrated messages of greeting exchanged between friends and family members during the weeks preceding Christmas Day. The traditional greeting reads wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, much like that of the first commercial Christmas card, produced by Sir Henry Cole in London in 1843



## ***DATE ACCORDING TO .JULIAN CALENDAR***

Some jurisdictions of the Eastern Orthodox Church, including those of Russia, Georgia, Ukraine, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Jerusalem, mark feasts using the older Julian calendar. As of 2020, there is a difference of 13 days between the Julian calendar and the modern .Gregorian calendar



***Finally:***Christmas is an interational holiday in the world and also in Lebanon.There is an interesting festival of all peapole.Merry Christmas for all the world and for you guys and Happy New Year .plus which are a beautifull years for all people

***THE END***