

Russian Festivals

New Year's Day

- A family holiday
- To stay up until midnight
- To see the Old Year off
- To see the New Year in
- To put up the New Year Tree
- To do the illumination
- To decorate the New Year Tree with toys
- To lay the holiday table
- To wait for the clock to strike midnight
- To congratulate each other
- To say “A Happy New Year”
- To wish a strong health and happiness



Christmas

- To be a Christian holiday
- To decorate fir-trees with tinsels, baubles, fairy lights and to light candles
- To have parties
- To wish a merry Christmas
- To give gifts to relatives and friends



Shrovetide

- To have deep roots and to be connected with the end of winter
- To be “A Farawell-to-Winter Festival”
- To remember hardly about them (many people)
- To do a lot during this festival
- To have a lot of fun
- To say “goodbye” to winter
- To welcome spring
- To have carnivals and to ride Russian troikas
- To cook and eat a lot of pancakes
- To climb a pole for a gift



EASTER

- to be religious holiday; a Christian holy day
- To be celebrated in spring (March, April, May)
- To remember the death of Christ and his return to life
- To have gatherings
- To bake paskha, kulich and other pies
- To dye eggs
- To exchange dyed eggs with relatives and friends

