

# Maslenitsa

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*Maslenitsa*

*Shtovetide*

*Butter Week*

*Pancake Week*

*Fat Tuesday*

*Mysopust*



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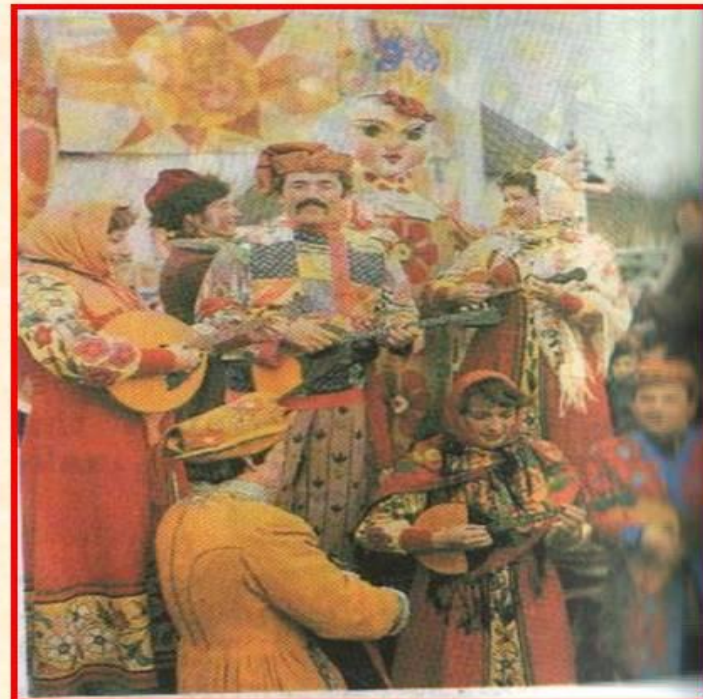


# History of Maslenitsa



## *MASLENITSA*

There is an ancient religious holiday which is called "Maslenitsa". It is connected with the end of winter. It is celebrated with cooking lots of pancakes. People eat pancakes with caviar and go for long jolly walks "gulyanya".



# Days of the week of Maslenitsa

Merry games begin at the second day of celebration.



Monday-meeting  
Tuesday-games played  
Wednesday-A Treat  
Thursday-Rampant, wide  
Thursday  
Friday-Mother-in-law's  
Evenings  
Saturday-Zolovkina  
gatherings  
Sunday-Forgiven Sunday

# Features of the ritual of burning the effigy of winter on Shrovetide



As an effigy, which is sacrificed, a large funny and at the same time terrible doll was made, personifying Maslenitsa. They made a doll out of rags and straw. After that, she was dressed up in women's clothing and left on the main street of the village during Shrovetide Week. And on Sunday, they were solemnly carried outside the village. There the effigy was burned, drowned in an ice-hole, or torn to pieces, and the straw left over from it was scattered over the field. The ritual burning of the doll had a deep meaning: to destroy the symbol of winter is necessary for the resurrection of its power in the spring.

# Proverbs and sayings on Maslenitsa



- Not everything is Shrovetide for a cat, and there is also Great Lent.
- Not life and life, but Shrovetide
- We will pay homage to the cheese on Sunday.
- Feast and walk, Baba, on Shrovetide, and remember about the fast without butter
- Thirty brothers sister, forty grandmothers granddaughter, three mothers daughter Butter
- At least with yourself all pawn, and spend Shrovetide
- So that you are worn out to the elbows, and eat up to the throat
- Sugar lips, sweet speech, red.

# Congratulations on Maslenitsa

Let Shrovetide bring  
Good luck and prosperity,  
Lots of love, lots of income,  
To make every moment very sweet!  
Have fun, everyone,  
So that the joy will come to you soon,  
Let happiness fly like a bird,  
To make your heart feel warmer!