



CHRISTMAS IN SLOVAKIA

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Bethlehem light

- On December 23, Slovak scouts brought the Bethlehem Light.
- Every year, the light of Bethlehem reminds us of the approaching Christmas, a time of peace, joyful meetings with loved ones.
- I go with the family every year after the Bethlehem Light to the Concathedral of St. Nicholas.



Slovak cakes for Christmas

Gingerbread

- Some decorate the gingerbread with white icing, but in our family we grease them with plum jam and then soak them in melted chocolate and sprinkle with colored sprinkles.



Food on Christmas Eve dinner

- wafer with honey
- Bobaľky with poppy
- cabbage soup=kapustnica
- carp with potato salad



Advent

- Advent is a treat for Christmas. Advent has 4 Sundays and the symbol is an **Advent wreath**, which has 4 candles = 4 Sundays. One lights up every Sunday.



Christmas movies

- Perinbaba

A tale about an old woman who took care of the snow (Perinbaba) and the love of the fearless **Jakub** and **Alžbetka**. The fate of the heroes is accompanied by Zubatá with a scythe, which causes death where it appears.

- Three Nuts for Cinderella

It is a film fairy tale by director Václav Vorlíček from 1973 based on the theme of the fairy tale by the writer Božena Němcová.



Christmas ago

- The basis of the Christmas Eve is a **fish** that had a symbolic meaning in ancient history - scales resembling coins were put in the wallet, which was to ensure abundance in the family for the next year.



- **Christmas tree hung from the ceiling**- Most of the ordinary inhabitants of today's Slovakia lived in modest conditions, so the Christmas tree was hung on the ceiling. In small homes, there was one room for everything, this way one could save precious space.

Home made Christmas tree decorations- dried apples, cloves, decorated with honeycombs, paper - cut ornaments or simple lounes.

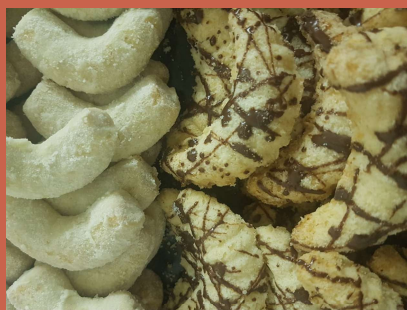
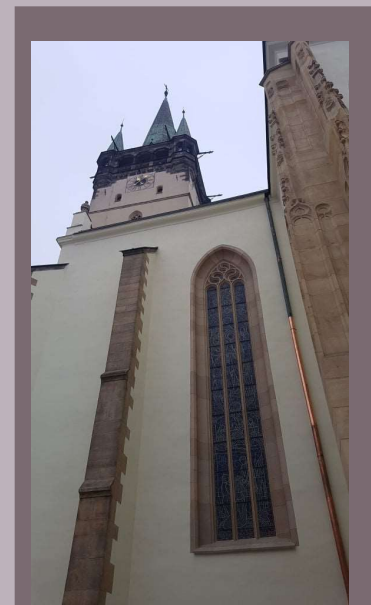


Customs on Christmas day

- One of the most common habits is fasting. It was said that if the child survived into the evening **without food**, he would see **a golden piglet** or a **golden horseshoe**.
- In addition to **cabbage soup**, **lentil soup** and **bean soup** were cooked in Slovakia on Christmas Eve.
- The main course was once flour dishes such as **pies**, **toast** or **noodles**.
- **Symbolic customs**(should ensure health and happiness for the family)
 - money hidden under a tablecloth in the corner of the table
 - the legs of the table tied with a chain that were supposed to keep the family together throughout the year
 - Slicing an apple**, in turn, was supposed to reveal whether the family would be healthy



Christmas Eve(24.11.2021) in my family





MERRY CHRISTMAS

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