



Christmas in Hungary

Advent

- *From the fourth Sunday before Christmas → 24th December*
- *Preparing for Christmas*
- *4 candles every Sunday*
- *1. Faith* *2nd week → Bronze*
- *2. Hope* *3rd week → Silver*
- *3. Joy* *4th week → Gold*
- *4. Love*



Bethlehem

- *Hungarin folk tradition*
- *Little Jesus, Mary , Joseph , The 3 Kings, angel, shepherds, ox, donkey, lamb*
- *Biblical city*
- *Costumes, masks*
- *Carol singing*





24th December

Christmas-eve

- *Decorating the Christmas tree*
- *Christmas dinner → close family*
- *presents → "angels"*
- *midnight mass*



25th December

- *Visit the whole Family*
- *Christmas lunch*
- *relax*



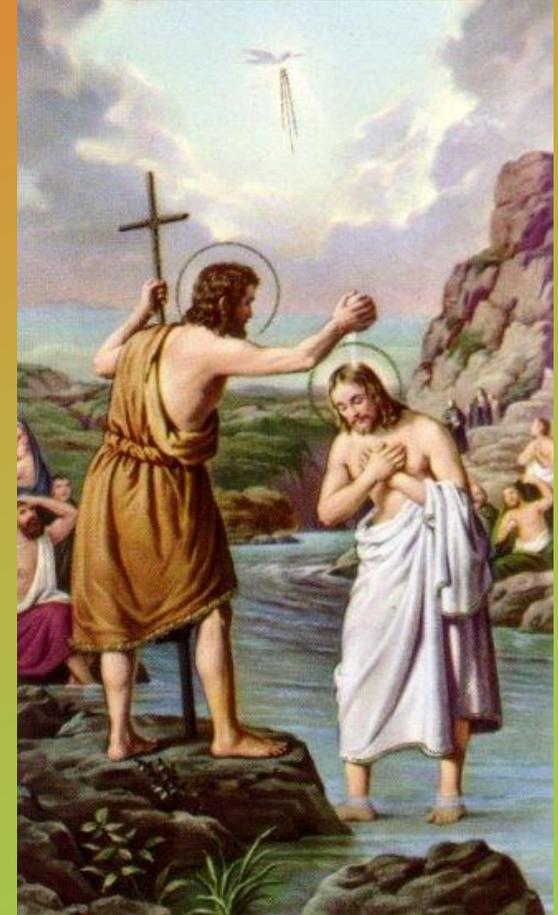
26th December

- *„regölés”*
- *István (Steven) day*
→ *New Year (26th – 31th)*
- *singing about the magic of nature, greetings, wishing Shepherd’s dress*

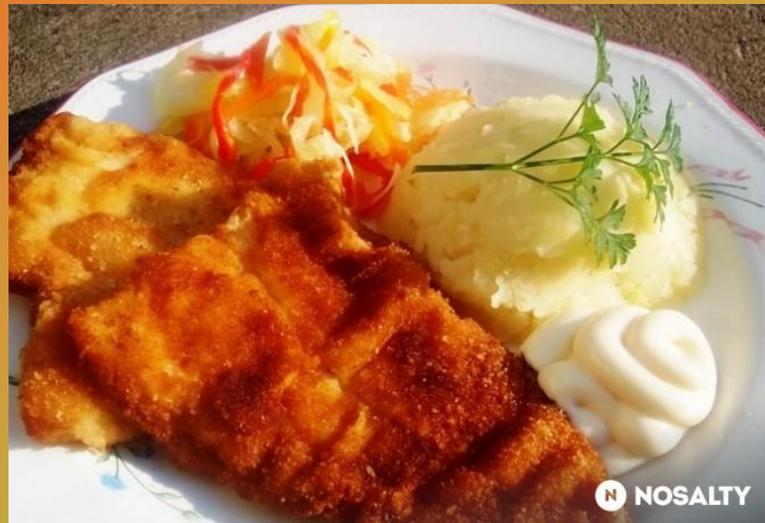


Epiphany

- *24th december → 6th January*
- *Respect of water*
- *Baptism of Jesus*



Traditional Hungarian dishes



Traditional Hungarian desserts





Thank you for your attention!

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- Advent
- Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and lasts until 24 December. The four weeks of Advent constitute the period of preparing for Christmas. A candle must be lit every Sunday. The 2nd week is called bronze, the 3rd week is silver and the 4th week is golden Sunday. In the advent period people usually **Tassel** earlier years. The candles symbolize Jesus's life. Every candle has symbolic meaning. There is one pink and three purple candles. **1 Faith 2.Hope 3.Joy 4.Love**
- Nativity scenes
- Nativity scenes are a Hungarian folk tradition associated with Christmas . On Christmas Day, all the customs aim to drive away evil spirits by wearing costumes and masks.
- Often animals played roles, and baby Jesus was played by a baby. The Biblical story of the birth of Jesus is still acted out today with the characters of the shepherds, the angels, Mary and Joseph, after which presents are handed over and good wishes said. The name of this custom comes from the biblical city of Betlehem. Nativity scenes are similar to the English Carol singing.
- 25th December
- We always visit the members of our whole family. We usually have a Christmas lunch. We spend a lot of time together and we relax a lot.
- 26th December
- The tradition of “regölés” is connected to the period after Christmas: from 26 December, the name day of István (Steven), until New Year's Day. Actually, “regölés” was a custom of singing about the magic of nature, greetings, wishing for abundance, drawing couples together and collecting donations. People usually wore Shepherd's clothes.
- Epiphany
- Epiphany is on 6th January. Epiphany means respect of the water and baptising Jesus.