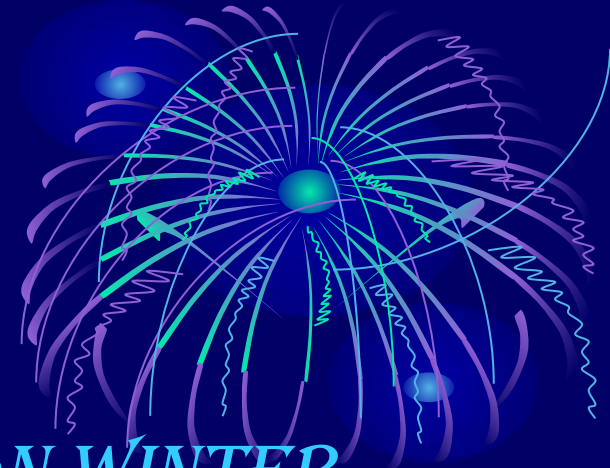


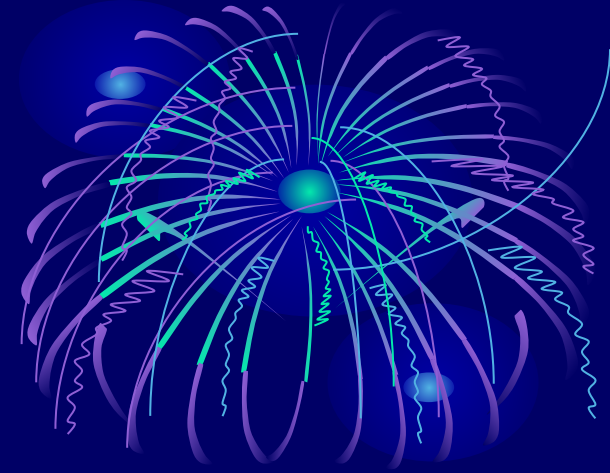
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# New Year



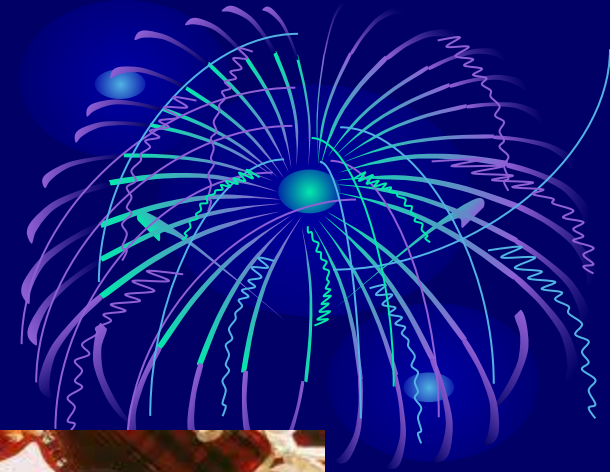
- NEW YEAR IS A REMARKABLE WINTER HOLIDAY WHICH IS MARKED IN THE NIGHT FROM DECEMBER, 31ST TILL JANUARY, 1ST. IT IS THE MOST ANCIENT OF ALL EXISTING HOLIDAYS AND THE MOST FAVOURITE ONE PRACTICALLY FOR ALL PEOPLE. PEOPLE PREPARE FOR NEW YEAR IN ADVANCE.



- PEOPLE DECORATE  
A NEW YEAR TREE.  
A NEW YEAR TREE  
IS THE MAIN  
SYMBOL OF NEW  
YEAR.



- THE MODERN HOLIDAY IS ACCOMPANIED BY VARIOUS GIFTS AND BRIGHT FIREWORKS. GIFTS CAN BE LEFT UNDER A NEW YEAR TREE OR THEY ARE BROUGHT BY FATHER FROST.



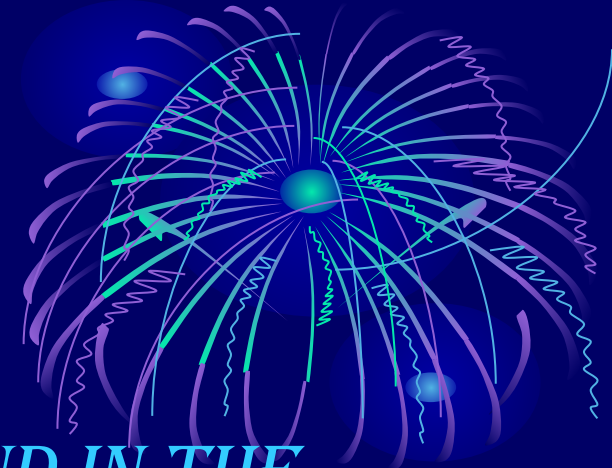
# Christmas

- ON JANUARY, 7TH  
THE SACRED  
ORTHODOX CHURCH  
CELEBRATES A  
GREAT HOLIDAY -  
THE BIRTH OF  
JESUS CHRIST.



- AT CHRISTMAS  
NIGHT GIRLS TELL  
FORTUNES.





- AND IN THE MORNING ALL GO ROUND CAROL-SINGING.

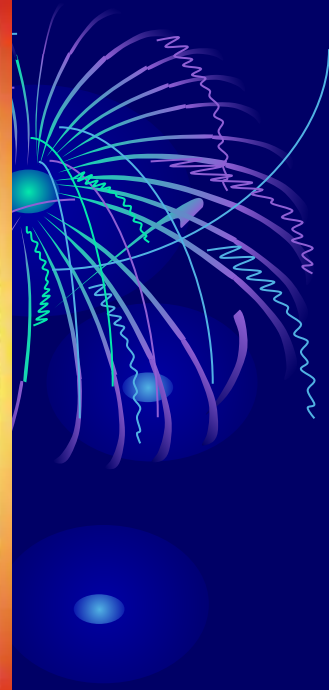
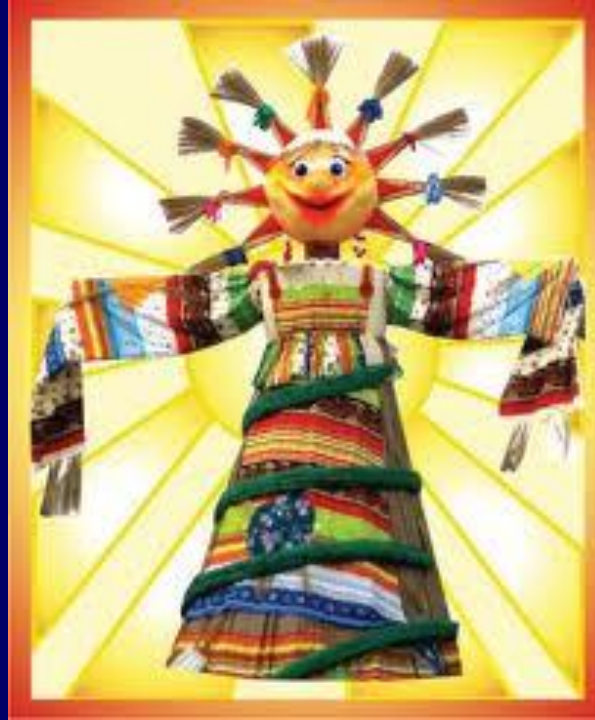
# Pancake week

PANCAKE WEEK IS  
ONE OF THE  
LIGHTEST AND  
MOST CHEERFUL  
RUSSIAN HOLIDAYS.



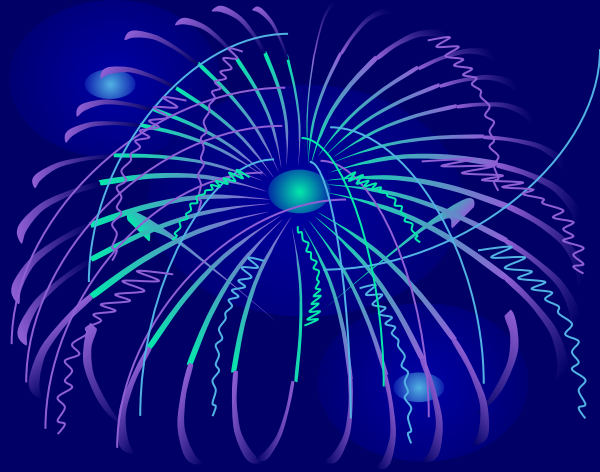


- WITHIN A WEEK WE SEE OFF WINTER AND WE MEET LONG-AWAITED SPRING. PANCAKES ARE TRADITIONALLY BAKED, NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS ARE ARRANGED. IT IS ACCEPTED TO VISIT AND INVITE VISITORS.



PROSHCHENOE  
VOSKRESENE IS THE  
LAST DAY OF PANCAKE  
WEEK. ON THIS DAY  
PEOPLE BURN A MAN  
OF STRAW – A SYMBOL  
OF WINTER, AND SEE  
OFF COLDS TILL NEXT  
YEAR. ALL ASK EACH  
OTHER'S PARDON.





*The End*

