Christmas customs in Greece

In a few days X-mas approaching and in all Greece the Christmas spirit shows its face.

Some of the X-mas Greek customs have their roots in the ancient Greece and they shining to our days.

At villages it is used to hanging huge braids of garlics and on each garlic and put those on exterior doors to get rid the bad speech.

the front door of the houses is also decorated a fir tree wreath. According to tradition, the wreath brings luck to the occupants of the house.

The nave of the ship

A custom that has tended to disappear in recent years, and its place has taken the foreign custom of the Christmas tree.

The boat symbolizes the new man's journey to life after the birth of Christ. The children of the seamen who lived behind built their own games, which were usually boats. The boat symbolized the expectation of children to rejoin their relatives, but also their love for the sea. The custom of decoration was slowly established, but because it was connected with unpleasant memories, it was unable to establish itself as a festive symbol.

On Christmas Eve it is used children go into the streets and from home to home sing X-mas Carols.

Another characteristic of the New Year’s Eve is the cake. The women of the house prepare the dough and put inside it a coin or a small branch of arbor.

The preference for slaughtering of the pig was made with an avid freak while it followed a gullet until dawn while it was blinking until down to repeat the same procedure next to the next. The joy they felt was so great from that gullet for the hosts aw for the guests.

Today the custom is observed in many villages in area of Thessaly offering plenty of wine and baked pork meat.

In Poland the period before X-mas is especially important as young and adults deliberately leaving from temptations (mostly sweets) and all that in an attempt to have inner and harmony.

Their houses and rooms look great with rich Xmas decorations. Also in Poland use red or blue Alexandrian flowers with brances of pine trees

X-mas Eve is the most important day of holidays. After a day of fasting all the family gather together on the festive table which is for that occasion ornately decorated while the white tablecloth is now considered essential.

Just the 1st star appears on sky the feast begins. The begging of the feast do with sharing of X-mas cake as indications of loving and reconciliations associated with the exchange of warmth wishes.

On the table there is always an empty dish in occasion that a visitor appears unexpectedly. The X-mas presents put under the X-mas tree and offer from the youngest. In contrast with the Aglo-Saxon tradition the x-mas presents not addressed to designated persons so they are to express general interest in use.