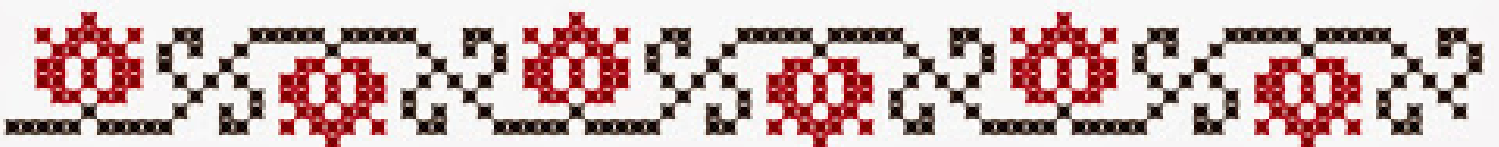


# Romanian Mithology



## BABA DOCHIA



In Romanian mythology, Baba Dochia, or The Old Dochia, is a figure identified with the return of spring.

She is sometimes imagined as “an old woman” who insults the month of March when she goes out with a herd of sheep or goats.

### ***The legend of Dragomir***

Baba has a son called Dragomir, who is married. Dochia treats her daughter-in-law badly by sending her to pick up berries in the forest at the end of February. God appears to the girl as an old man and helps her in her task. When Dochia sees the berries, she thinks that spring has come back and leaves for the mountains with her son and her goats. She is dressed with twelve lambskins, but it rains on the mountain and the skins get soaked and heavy. Dochia has to get rid of the skins and when frost comes she perishes from the cold with her goats. Her son freezes to death with a piece of ice in his mouth as he was playing the flute.

