

### Christmas is Birth of the Lord



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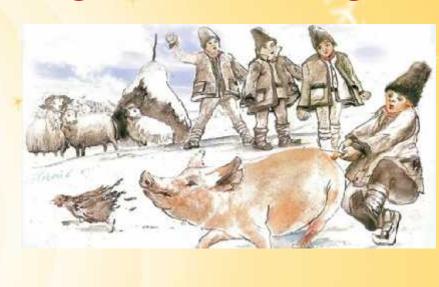
# Traditional decorations Christmas is a great joy







### Ignatul or cutting the pig







### Various pork dishes are prepared





### Good housewives cook food that is on the Christmas table



- Sausages cooked in the house
- Toba
- Smoked bacon
- Smoked pork mussels in the house
- jelly;
- Soup;
- Sarmale (pork and beef minced meat with rice and onion in cabagge)
- Sweet bread;





### Cold cuts (racituri)



### Soup





### Sarmale

#### Sweet bread





## The traditional cake that is eaten on Christmas Eve is the jelly cake



## The traditional Christmas meal gathers around the whole family



#### Tree decoration - the joy of children

Christmas Tree Christmas is an old practice, which some consider even older than Christianity and which symbolizes the "tree of life"





### The children go caroling, a traditional Romanian song ... ...

The carol is the best-kept habit. The children, the teenagers, and in some villages even the married men go caroling: the children go caroling by day, till the sun goes down, the teenagers, and the men during the night



#### or with the Star

In the Christmas Eve groups of children go with the Star in the evening. The kids have a wooden star and decorated with coloured paper and in the middle there is reproduced the birth of the Lord representing the moment of appearing the guiding star of the

magicians

Steaua sus răsare Ca o taină mare Steaua strălucește Și lumii vestește Şi dacă porniră Îndată-L găsiră La Dânsul intrară Si se închinară.

Ca astăzi Curata Preanevinovata Fecioara Maria Naște pe Mesia Cu daruri gătite Lui Hristos menite Luând fiecare Bucurie mare.

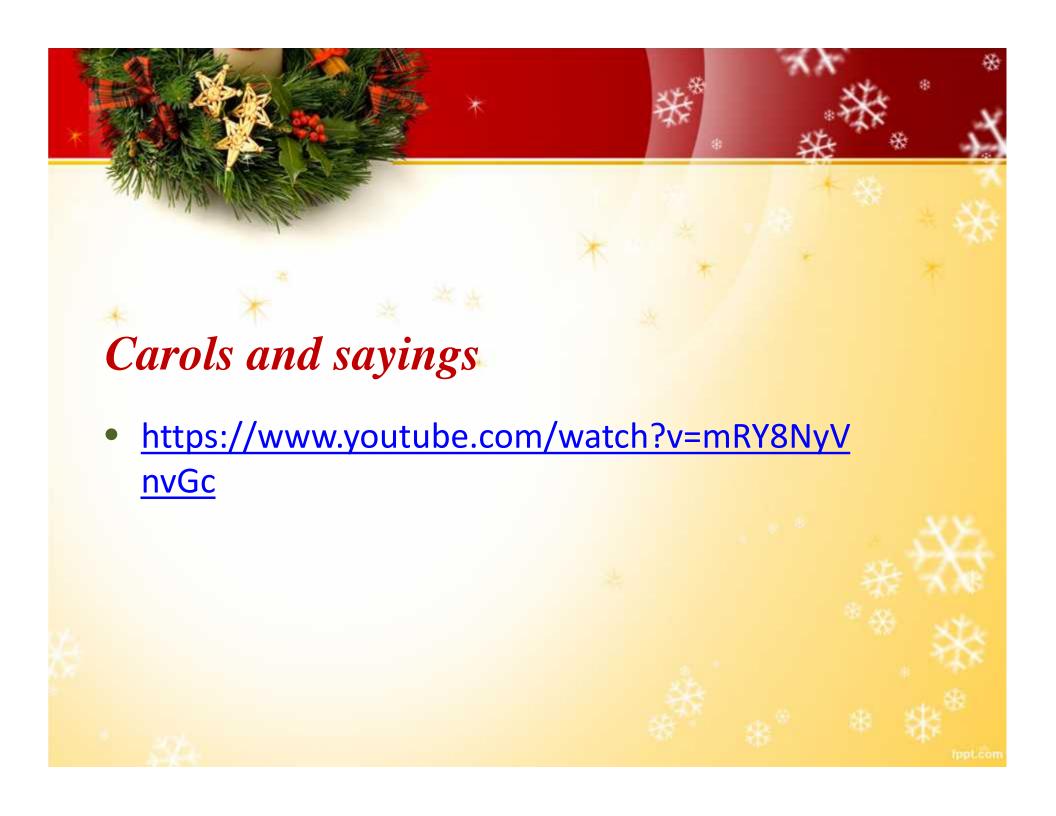
Magii cum zārirā Steaua și porniră Mergand după rază Pe Hristos să-l vază.

Care bucurie Şi aici să fie De la tinerețe Pân-la bătrânete.



#### STEAUA

În ajunul Crăciunului, cete de copii merg seara cu Steaua. Copii poartă la ei o stea făcută din lemn şi decorată cu hârtie colorată, iar în mijloc se pune o reproducere cu nașterea Domnului lisus Hristos. Aces obicei evocă momentul în care, la nașterea lui lisus, pe cer s-a ivit o stea călăuzitoare a magilor.



### Then the children expect Santa Claus.



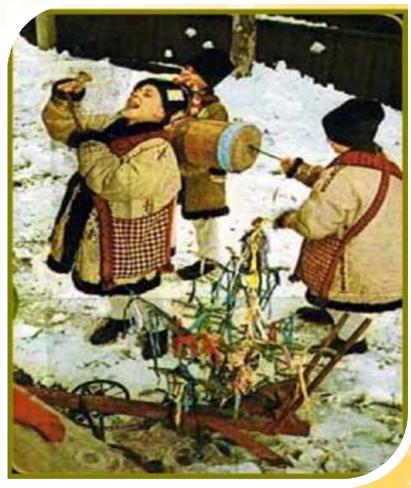






On the New Year Eve, groups of boys and men go with Plugusorul that means they go with the Plug (plow), a common wish for rich crops and health in the year that







### Cities have dressed their holiday gowns - Iasi





### The cities have dressed their Christmas garlands, Pascani



