

## Tradition of Christmas



Christmas, Solemnity of the Nativity - the Christian tradition is a celebration commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. It takes place on December 25 . Christmas is preceded by a threeweek waiting period (exactly four Sundays), called Advent.

Churches, which continue to celebrate the liturgy according to the Julian calendar are the Eastern Churches, mainly Orthodox Greek Catholic and Orthodox Church), Therefore Christmas falls on December 25 in Julian calendar, that is now January 7 in Gregorian calendar.

preceded - poprzedzone  
(exactly - dokładnie  
commemorating -  
upamiętniające  
according to - według  
mainly - głównie  
therefore - dlatego  
falls on - przypada na

### GLOSSARY

Solemnity - podniosłość  
Nativity - narodzenie  
Jezusa  
celebration - obchody

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CHRISTMAS  
TRADITIONS ALL  
OVER THE WORLD



# Around the world ...

## Christmas in different countries

Preparation for Christmas in the Congo begins when some group



to prepare the annual Christmas pageant. Christmas day begins with groups of carolers walking to and fro through the village, along the roadway, by the houses of the missionaries,

singing the lovely carols known the world around. Often people may be awakened by a group of carolers beginning to converge on the house of worship. They return home to make final preparation as to the clothes one must wear and also

as to his offering for

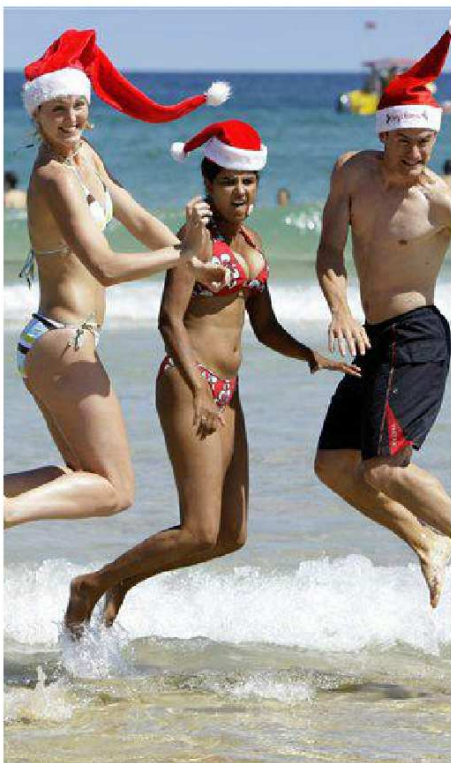
the Christmas service. Then at about 8 or 9 o'clock everyone

makes their way

to the celebration of the birthday of Jesus

### GLOSSARY

barbecue - rożen  
picnic - piknik  
beach - plaża  
months - miesiąc



## Australia

Christmas in Australia is celebrated during our summer months. There is no snow and log fires, though Christmas cards and traditions usually depict those of colder climates. Australia is a multicultural country and with this, traditions are often mingled and derived from a mixture of other countries.

## The party on the beach

However, there are Christmas Trees, Father Christmas, Christmas Carols and gifts which are a familiar Christmas scenario. Christmas Dinner may be a barbecue in the backyard or a picnic on a beach though.



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# Brazil

## GLOSSARY

attend - uczęszczać  
na  
Midnight Mass-  
Pasterka

includes - zawiera

roasted turkey -  
pieczony indyk  
rice, - ryż  
fresh - świeży

dishes - potrawy

## CELEBRATE OBCHODZIĆ

### HOW THEY CELEBRATE IT

On Christmas Eve, thousands of devout Catholics attend the "Missa do Galo" or Midnight Mass. The traditional Christmas dinner here includes roasted turkey, vegetables and fruit.



*Christmas in Brazil*

A huge Christmas dinner menu includes turkey, ham, colored rice, and wonderful fresh vegetable and fruit dishes.



# China

## GLOSSARY

Christmas trees are called "trees of light" and are also decorated with paper chains, paper flowers, and paper lanterns. In China, the most important winter festival is Spring Festival.

Christmas trees -  
choinki  
called - zwane  
also - także, również  
chain - łańcuch  
lantern - latarnia  
important - ważny  
decorate - dekorować  
spring - wiosna

# Just read it!

Christmas story

## NAUGHTY CHILDREN

In some house in Makuszyński Street, there lived children, very naughty children. They were running, shouting and ignoring parents. Mum couldn't bear it and she decided to send her children to the unknown

...aunt. Mum and Dad drove children to the aunt. It's 16 December 2011- Marek read. Zośka, - he shouted tomorrow is Xmas Eve! He hadn't finished because a lady entered the room, the old lady. Hello kids. It's Xmas Eve in a week.- she said calmly. She couldn't finish as Marek interrupted her - We're gonna decorate a Xmas tree and get presents How dare you disturb me or rather madame Eliza Betch?! the auntie screamed with anger. Ehm.- sighed kids- But it wasn't



me - opposed Zośka. Yes, sure! You haven't done anything?! - yelled Marek. Well, the quarrel started about Zosia's behaviour and Marek's fake silence. Auntie made them go to their rooms. Next day was a nightmare for the siblings. Auntie told them for the first time to clean the windows, sweep the floor in return they got only water and a roll with butter for breakfast. Marek, why aunt Eliza Betch, makes us do these bthings? Zosia sobbed. I've no idea! Maybe because we've been naughty? Days and nights had passed and

children were getting better

Now for breakfast they could get also milk and 2 ham rolls. When parents came back, kids couldn't stop crying, hugging their parents firmly, though they'd been there only for a week. At home there

were no more screams,

ignorance and misbehaviour, just total silence. Mum called the mysterious aunt Eliza Betch. Hello, how have you changed my kids? So Auntie told her and Mum was only nodding. After

10 minutes she had finished.

Kids, she said, look under the Xmas tree. They were so happy finding lots of presents. And Auntie looked after them all the time. by Alicia Pohl



## Vampire coffin

One Christmas a woman went to the cemetery. It was the 20th anniversary of the death of her husband. When she was standing in front of the grave and making a sign of the cross, a vampire jumped out of the coffin. The vampire said that the husband had been such a bad person that his body was burned. However, The Vampire added that it was possible for him to be like a phoenix and rise from the ashes, but the vampire had to kill the woman. He gave the woman two days to think about the matter. The woman faced a difficult situation: she could die but bring her husband to life or she could live

without him. The woman was thinking for a long time and decided that she was already old and it wasn't worth living without her

husband. Two days later the woman came to the cemetery where the vampire had already been waiting for her. However, HE turned out to be smart and shrewd as he killed the woman without making her husband alive. The woman went to hell where she could expect only torture and hard work. When her children heard the story they started crying but the vampire and his chief devil burst with laughter. Sad, but true.

by Daniel Czerniawski



# TIME TO LAUGH !!!

## JOKES about Xmas

### I SWEAR

Johnny's mom asks:  
- Who taught you to say "dammit"?  
- Santa Claus.  
- Santa Claus?  
- I swear! When at night he came to my room and slammed the gift in the closet, he just said!- Honey, what would you say if we were married at - -



When Christmas comes Little Johnny visits a psychiatrist and says:  
- Doctor, there's something wrong with my dad. A few days ago he disguised himself as an old grandfather and claimed that his name was Santa Claus!



Burek speaks to Fido:  
- I cannot wait for Xmas!  
- Why?  
- Not only will I get two bags of fresh bones but tell my owner what I think of him!



### DREAM JOBS

Children tell who they want to be: actresses, singers, firemen, policemen, etc. Only Johnny says that he wants to be Santa Claus.  
- Is it because He carries the presents?  
asks the teacher.  
- No, because He arrives once a year, the boy replies.

### SHINY TREE?

- Mom, Christmas tree's on fire! -  
Johnny cries from the room to his mother, who's busy in the kitchen.  
- Christmas tree is lit, and it isn't burning - the mother responds. In a moment the boy yells:  
- Mom, Mom, curtains



# **POLICE NEWS 1**

27 gangs have been caught by the police. We advise them to return the money taken from banks, shops and other sources. The money is often counterfeit.

## **ATTENTION**

If you are in danger, don't hesitate and call the police station!

## **THIS IS A POLICE VAN**

It can move very fast and and transport dangerous criminals to the



## **TELEPHONE**

# **997 or 112**

## **CRACOW POLICE**

Even a dozen people: businessmen and their family members could abduct for ransom gang of kidnapers from southern Poland. Reporters investigating RMF FM and Mark Roman Osica Balawajder found that most of the bandits had already been stopped. Another key suspect has been found by the police.

*The symbol of the Polish police*



## **Antiterrorists at work**

The job of antiterrorists is a difficult profession. As you can see in the picture they are on the ropes, climbing the walls, they must shoot accurately, wear uncomfortable uniforms and heavy weapons. Their work is dangerous. They can be shot at any time or get seriously hurt.

