

## Name Days

A Name Day is a day of the year set aside on the calendar of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church to celebrate the name and life of a certain Saint. Everyone named after that specific saint has cause for celebration, somewhat similar to a large scale birthday.

Some name days are associated with certain specific traditions. For example, on St. Nick's Day a stuffed carp has to be cooked and served at dinner, while on St. George's Day a lamb must be prepared.

Even though name days in general are usually associated with saints in Bulgaria some of them are in honor of important figures from the history of Bulgaria.

### January

1 Vasil, Vasilena, Vesela, Vesselin, Veselina

6 Bogdan, Bogdana, Bogomil, Bogomila, Iordan, Iordanka, Teodosii

7 Ioan, Ioana, Yoan, Yoana, Ivan, Ivanka, Ivayla, Ivaylo, Ivet, Kaloian, Kaloyan, Vanya, Vanyo, Zhan, Zhana

12 Tanya, Tatyana

14 Nina

17 Andon, Anton, Antonia, Dona, Doncho, Donka

18 Atanas, Atanaska

19 Silvia

20 Efimir, Evtim, Evtimiya, Momchil

21 Maksim

25 Grigor

### February

1 Trifon

3 Simeon

6 Svetla, Svetlana, Svetlomisir

10 Haralampi, Valentin, Valentina

13 Evlogi

### March

1 Evdokiya, Marta, Martin, Martina

4 Gerasim

10 Galina

11 Bozhidar \*, Bozhidara \*, Dora \*, Teodor \*, Teodora \*, Todor \*

13 Nikifor

17 Alexi

22 Rosen, Rositsa

23 Lidiya

25 Blaga, Blago, Blagovest, Blagovesta, Blaguna, Evangelina, Mariyana

28 Albena, Boyan, Boyana, Boyka, Boyko

### April

15 Lazar \*, Lazo \*

16 Bozhan \*, Bozhana \*, Violeta \*, Vurban \*, Vurbana \*, Yasen \*, Yasna \*, Yavor \*, Zdravka \*, Zdravko \*  
18 Viktor, Viktoriya  
23 Velichka \*, Velichko \*, Velin \*, Velina \*  
25 Marko  
30 Toma \*, Tomislav \*, Tomislava \*

#### May

1 Ermen, Ermena, Maya  
2 Boriana, Boris, Borislav, Borislava  
5 Irina, Mira  
6 Georgi, Georgiya, Gergana, Gyuro  
11 Kiril, Kirila, Metodi  
21 Elena, Konstantin, Kosta, Kostadin, Kostadinka, Lenko, Stoyan  
30 Emiliya

#### June

1 Spas \*, Spaska \*  
5 Doroteia \*  
7 Valeri, Valeria  
22 Goryan, Goryana  
24 Enio, Yanita, Yanka, Yanko  
25 Asen \*, Chavdar \*  
26 David  
29 Kamen, Pavel, Petar, Petra, Petrana  
30 Apostol

#### July

1 Damyan, Damyana, Kozma, Kuzman  
7 Nedelcho, Nedelya, Nedyalka, Nedyalko  
11 Oleg, Olga  
15 Vlada, Vladena, Vladimir  
16 Yulian, Yuliana, Yuliya  
17 Marin, Marina  
18 Emil, Emilian  
20 Iliina, Iliya, Ilian, Iliyana, Ilko  
22 Lena, Magda, Magdalena, Miglena  
25 Ana, Yana  
26 Paraskeva  
27 Dobra, Dobri, Dobrina, Dobrinka, Pancho, Panka  
29 Kalin

#### August

8 Emil, Emilian, Emiliya  
15 Mariya  
20 Samuil  
26 Adrian, Adriana, Adriyan, Adriyana, Natali, Nataliya  
29 Anastas, Anastasi, Anastasiya  
30 Aleksandar, Aleksandra

#### September

1 Simeon, Simona  
5 Elisaveta, Hari, Zahari  
14 Krustan, Krustina, Krustyoy, Stavri

16 Lyudmil, Lyudmila  
17 Lyuba, Lyuben, Lyubomir, Lyubov, Nadezhda, Nadya, Sevda, Sofiya, Vera, Vyara  
25 Sergei

#### October

14 Pencho, Penka, Petka, Petko  
18 Zlata, Zlatan, Zlatka, Zlatko, Zlatomir  
26 Dimitar, Dimitrina, Mitko  
27 Nestor

#### November

8 Angel, Gavrail, Gavril, Mihaela, Mihail, Ognyan, Ognyana, Plamen, Plamena, Rada, Radka, Radko, Rafail, Raia, Raika, Raina, Rangel  
11 Minka, Minko, Viktor, Viktoriya  
14 Filio, Filip, Filipa  
16 Matei  
23 Aleko, Aleksandar, Aleksandra  
24 Ekaterina, Katerina, Katina, Katya  
25 Kliment, Klimentina  
26 Stilyan, Stilyana  
30 Andrei

#### December

4 Varvara  
5 Sava, Silva, Silvana, Silviya, Stanislav  
6 Nikola, Nikolai, Nina  
9 Ana, Anna, Anushka, Nusha  
14 Snezhana  
17 Dana, Danail, Danaila, Daniel, Daniela  
20 Ignat  
24 Evgeni, Evgeniya  
25 Hristina, Hristo  
26 Iosif  
27 Stanimir, Stanka, Stanko, Stefan, Stefka, Stoycho

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