

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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