

VECER ON LINE

CELEBRATE FORGIVENESS FOR YEARS TO COME

Today's message is: Forgive!

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God forgive, easy fast! If we do not forgive, fasting will be fruitless. It is hypocritical to eat bread and water, but not forgive and repent. Today even the heavens forgive the earth, and man forgives man.



Today is a great Christian holiday Great Carnival or Forgiveness, a celebration of forgiveness and atonement of sins. It is a day when people forgive each other and to leave behind their sins with leaving behind the greasy food as Lent begins.

According to tradition, the younger look for forgiveness from the elders. The son approaches the father, the brother with the brother, the daughter to her mother, daughter-in-

law approaches the mother-in law, sister to sister and everyone says, "Forgive me," and he replies, "May you be forgiven from me and from God." Everyone does this to everyone, male and female, younger to older, and older to younger.

Also on this day for Forgiveness, the family has dinner together, with cheese and eggs. The meal ends with dangling eggs, which is an interesting custom that has children be particularly happy.

It is performed in a way that has a boiled egg white pricked with a needle. A thread goes through it and is tied to a spindle or a rolling pin. The matron holds the thread and all starting from oldest try to lap up the egg without using their hands. Only the younger children are allowed to use their hands for support. They say, that it is good to at least touch the egg with your teeth so they will be white and healthy. If someone bite the egg, they win it to eat and the dangling continues with another.

Large ritual bonfires, which are lit in the evening of this celebration, provide a superb impression of the holiday, and in some cities like Strumica and Prilep the tradition is to organize carnivals.

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