

24th May Day of Slavonic Writting and Culture

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On 24-th of May as an old tradition we in Bulgaria celebrate the **Day of Slavonic/Slavic Writting and Culture**.

It's quite of feast, the streets are full of people and everybody wants out to celebrate or have a walk as the

whole day atmosphere is extremely cheerful.

Until some years during communism on 24th of may was also a Church feast **day of st. Cyril and Methodius**, however since some years the Bulgarian Orthodox Church decided to commemorate the two saints on a different date.

However the secular educational tradition of remembering the two saints memory on today's date next to considering the holiday as the official feast of triumph of educational enlightenment and science is still alive in the primary and secondary schools.

24th of May is also considered as the official day of Bulgarian and Slavonic Writting and Culture.

The two saints **Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius** are considered to be patron saints protector of all Schools, universities and educational institutions in Bulgaria.

On this date it's common that a bit of secular icon images of the two saints to be holded in a public schools manifestation, where specially dressed pupils play music with trombones and drums and all teachers and students does a manifestation lined in a column in the streets (this tradition is a hermitage from communistic times as manifestation on major celebrations were a common thing during the communism years, when Bulgaria was part of the USSR).



24th of May is considered maybe the brightest public feast in Bulgaria, even the secular atheist and

unbelievers connect the day of *24th May* celebrations with **St. St. Cyril and Methodius** who historically are the founders/inventors of the Slavonic writing letter and thus highly respected among all Orthodox Christian slavonic nations and as far as I know even are being known and venerated in some countries in the Roman Catholic western world (I'll be glad to hear if some western people who are subscribed to my blog, give some reports if they know the two patron saints of Slavonic Culture.

Many cities in Bulgaria has an official local city feast on 24th of May. Dobrich my home city also marks off it's public holiday on 24th of May.

Many small and middle sized villages also does celebrate heavily on this date, as the so called (people gatherings / (sbor as we call them in Bulgaria)) are occuring on this date.

On this assemblies, where people goes out to buy stuff, we have a lot of gipsies who sell a various hand-made food as well some gipsies home-made children toys :)

It's very pity I have no picture to show you what kind of bulk stuff the gipsies are selling via an improvised made kiosks especially for the fesat.

The gipsies sales all kind of weird food especially for the holiday like, (pink ice-cream, all colors sugar-cotton and pink cream, pink sugar sticks (shiker as we call it) and a tons of other weird foods you cannot see anywhere else)).

I'm quite convinced that every foreigner will truly enjoy this feast of ours and I recommend, if you're about to come to Bulgaria to try to be in our country on this feast, it's truly wild and natural as it is and always was in the balkans ! :)

It's also traditional on this date of triumph of culture that many cultural events around the country occurs, as well as the traditional folklore performers and dancers perform on the cities centres.



Horo (Bulgarian Traditional Folklore Dance on a city centre)

To generalize 24-th of May is our greatest and brightest holidays here in Bulgaria, there is some kind of

established believe that on this date the weather is always nice. This year this national believe come true, as we have a wonderful sunny day here in Bulgaria :).