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CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY AND GEORGIA

According to some folk saying, "folk-customs provide the memory of the past". Many of traditional customs that seem romantic originate from a prosaic basis. Customs and holidays often bear the same meaning as the former provides the expression of its magnificence through great religious, historical or pagan holidays. Nowadays a rising *number* of young people express interest in and affection of the tradition. During twelve months of the year individuals try to enjoy happiness and prosperity. They give presents as the symbol of happiness to one another.

There are religious, historical and public holidays both in Georgia and Germany. Christmas is one of the greatest religious holidays in both countries.

The paper deals with the Christmas holiday in Germany and Georgia, its historical basis and modern rituals in various parts of Germany as well as Georgia.