



Bulgaria Marks Honey, Beehives Day



A ritual for health and rich harvest is performed in churches across the country on February 10. Photo by BGNES

Bulgaria's Orthodox Church marks on Sunday the day of St. Haralambos, the holiday traditionally associated with honey and beehives for the Christians in the country.

A ritual for health and rich harvest is performed in churches across the country. Honey is consecrated in the local church and then all the bread is coated with it. The rest of the honey is kept in the house as a remedy. According to the belief, St. Haralambos blesses the land and it gets warmer and ready to be cultivated.

St. Haralambos is also traditionally believed to be the lord of all illnesses especially the plague. Doing any housework is strictly forbidden that day, because of the fear of any coming illness.

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