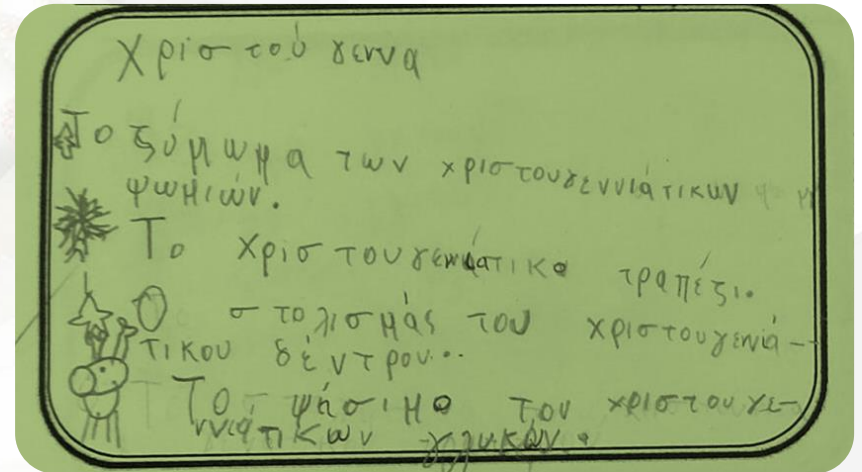


CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS IN CYPRUS



Christmas decoration at school



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Making Christmas desserts

*Christmas cake with sweets
and nuts*



*“Kourambiedes” and “melomakarona”
are traditional desserts.*

Traditional bread kneading in the village bakery called "christopsomo".



The Christmas table includes lamb spit, roasted turkey, festive salads, drinks and desserts.




New Year's Eve



Χριστούγεννα

- 1) Ζύμα ψωνιά.
- 2) Φισίνο γλυκών.
- 3) Σιρόπι δέντρου.
- 4) Στραβίτο τραπέζιου.



ΠΡΟ ΤΟ ΧΡΟΝΙΑ

- 1) Κόψιμο της βασιστόλας
- 2) Το ίδιο της εγός
- 3) υποθήκη του νίου πόνου με τραπούλια
- 4) χαλά στις πρωτοχρονιάτικες κιάτες

A cake for Santa Claus called "vasilopita".

In the cake there is a coin and if it is in your piece you will be lucky all year through.



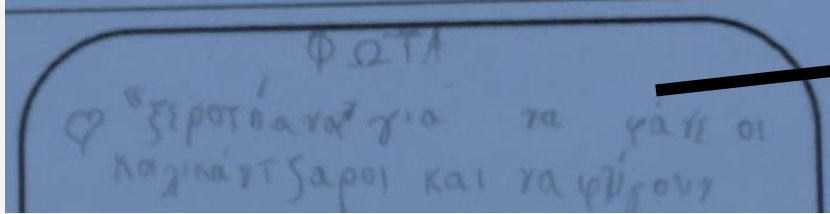
New Year's Eve



*In New Year's Eve
we throw
olive leaves in the fireplace
and we ask Santa to tell us
if somebody loves us.*

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Fota or Theofania (on the 6th of January)



<https://video.link/w/xK60c>



“Xerotiana” or “loukoumades” are pancakes made with flour, water and sourdough. With these ingredients people make loose dough like porridge. The dough is cut by hand and fried in olive oil. Then honey or sugar is spread on them!



Fota or Theofania (on the 6th of January)



"Skalapountari", according to tradition are demons that appear before "Theofania".

These demons are rumored to be coming out of the Underworld where they live, to tease people and shuffle their houses.

On the Eve of the Theofania, people throw the "xerotiana" on the roofs of their houses, so that the demons can eat and leave.



Fota or Theofania (on the 6th of January)

ἁγιασμός τοῦ σταυροῦ



The basic ritual of "Theofania" is the "sanctification of the waters" by diving the Cross in imitation of the Baptism of Jesus Christ. Young people are diving in the cold water to catch the Cross in order to be blessed during the year.

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Fota or Theofania (on the 6th of January)

Ψ' Θίφο της ετου, αόσπίας



<https://video.link/w/UM60c>

*Children say the carols
of "Theofania" and they
get money from their
Grandparents.*



Hope you enjoy the Christmas eve with the ones you love and step into the new year with lots of happiness and good health.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

1st Primary school of Kaimakli

