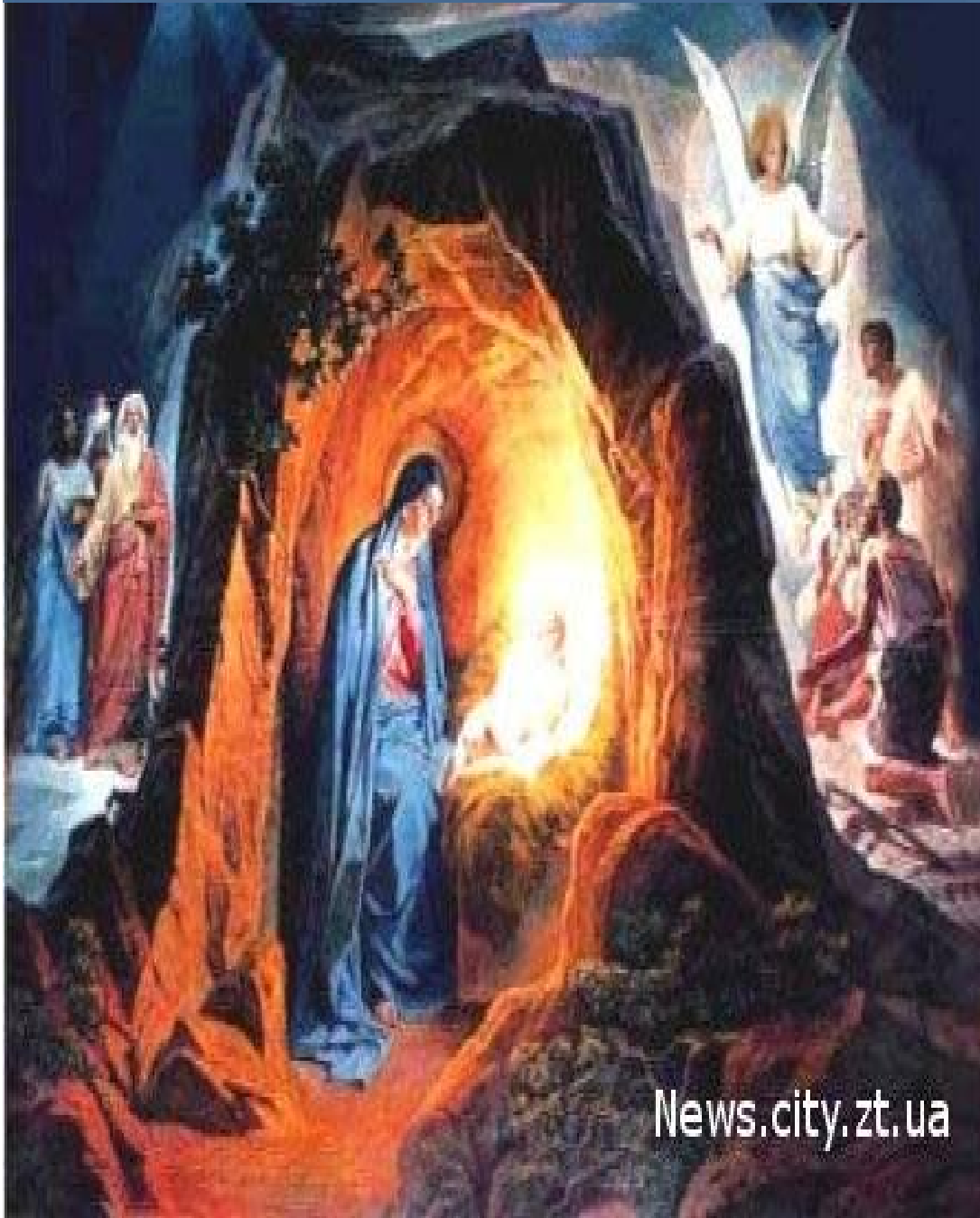


***A MERRY CHRISTMAS !***





**The Christmas story comes from the Bible. It tells us an American story of shepherds who were watching their sheep when an angel appeared to them. He told them that a Savior had been born in Bethlehem.**

**The shepherds went there to see Jesus. The baby Jesus was born in a stable. His mother was the Virgin Mary and his father was Joseph.**

**The Bible tells us how the Wise Men followed a star until it led them to Jesus. The Wise Men gave Jesus many gifts. Because of the birth of Jesus Christ the Christians celebrate Christmas.**

**So Christmas is a religious holiday. It is a day when people celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a happy holiday.**

## Christmas Tree



- Christmas tree came to us from Germany. In England the Queen Victoria decorated the first tree at Windsor Castle in the 19th century. Every house is decorated now with a Christmas tree, coloured toys and sweets and a big star on the top of the Christmas tree.





- There is a Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square in Britain. It is over 50 m high. It is a present from the people of Oslo. They send the tree to Londoners every year. There are big bright stars, shining balls of different colours all over the tree

# **Santa Claus.**



- **In England he is father Christmas. Children believe that Santa Claus is a fat, kind, old man in red suit with white fur. He travels through the air in a sleigh pulled by reindeer. He enters each house through the fireplace. He leaves gifts for the children under the tree.**



# CHRISTMAS STOCKING

- Children put stockings near the fireplace or on their beds before the Christmas night for Santa Claus who comes at night and leaves gifts for them.



## Christmas Cards



- The families prepare Christmas cards to their relatives and friends. The first card appeared in 1843. Sir Henry Cole invented it. One side of the card was a short greeting and another – a nice picture. Soon these cards became very popular.



## Candles



- One of the Christmas traditions is a wreath with candles. It consists of 5 candles: 4 red and one of them is white. Every Sunday one of them is burnt. The white candle is burnt in the evening before Christmas as a symbol of light and life.



## Christmas Carols



- People sing carols in the streets and churches. The word «carol» means a round dance. Often the carolers dance in the street round the tree in the park. One of the most famous carols is «Silent Night».

# SILENT NIGHT



■ Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round you virgin mother and Child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace;  
Sleep in heavenly peace.



## **Jingle Bells**

**Dashing through the snow,  
In a one horse – open sleigh,  
Over the fields we go  
Laughing all the way.  
Bells on bobtail ring  
Making spirits bright,  
What fun it is to run and sing  
A sleighing song tonight.**

### **Refrain**

**A day or two ago  
I thought I`d take a ride  
And soon Miss Fanny Bright  
Was seated by my side.  
The horse was lean and lank,  
Misfortune seemed his lot,  
He got into a drifted bank  
And we, we got upsot.**

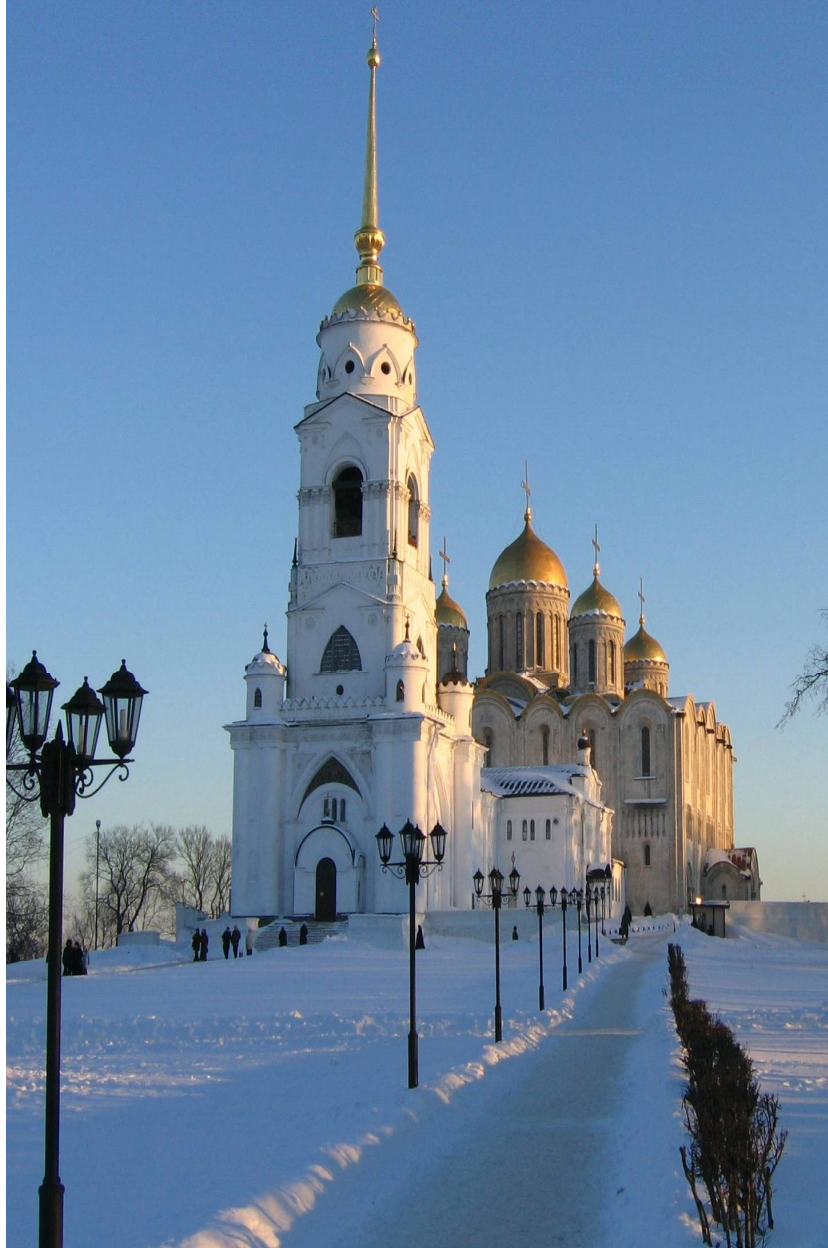
## Christmas Table



- Christmas table consists of a turkey or goose, ham, mashed potatoes and a pudding and a pie. There are a lot of sweets and desserts.



# Christmas In Russia



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## **We wish you a Merry Christmas**

- We wish you a Merry Christmas,
- We wish you a Merry Christmas,
- We wish you a Merry Christmas,
  - And a Happy New Year.
- Good tidings to you, wherever you are.
- Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- Oh bring us some figgy pudding.
  - And lots of good cheer.
- We won` t go until we get some,
  - So bring some right here.