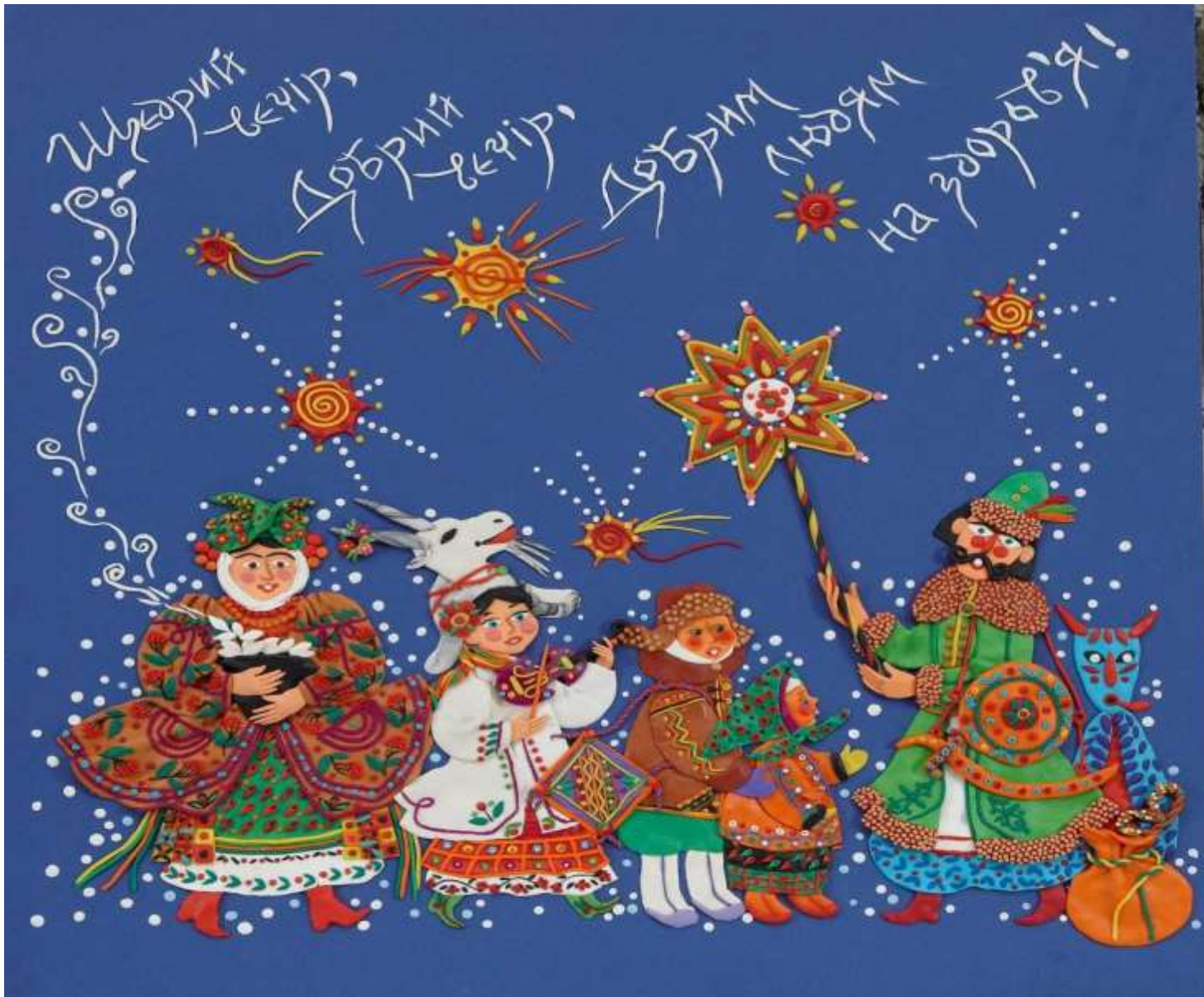


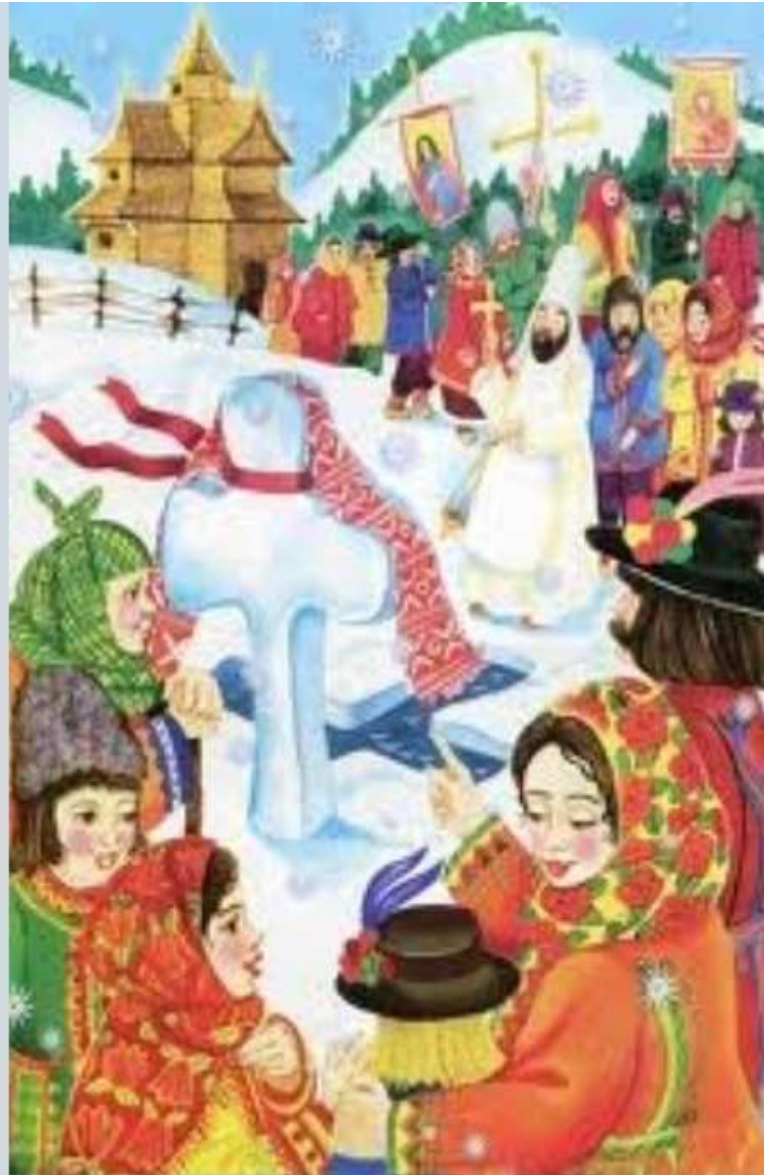


Holidays and rites in Poland and Ukraine



Shchedryj Vechir (Feast of Epiphany, Malanka) – day of the holiday January 13

This holiday is also called Malanka, Vasyli's Evening, Fat Kutya, and Generous Kutya.



Vodochreshche (Jordan, Ordyn', Eastern Orthodox Epiphany, water baptism of Christ) – day of the holiday January 19

Vodochreshche absorbed many pagan and Christian rites, the main of which were, of course, water rites.

The main water baptism rite is water consecration, or water baptism.



Second Big Savior (Spas) –
day of the holiday August 19.

This holiday is considered by
believers to be one of the
biggest in the church
calendar - the third holiday
after Christmas and Easter.



Fat Thursday – day of the holiday – it is moving celebration on the last Thursday of the carnival.

Like many holidays and traditions, Fat Thursday has its roots in ancient times.



Feast of the Three Kings is celebrated on January 6. This is a Christian holiday associated with the three wise men who went to Bethlehem to worship Christ.

Referring to this event, residents of cities and towns march through the streets in the procession of the Three Kings, following the main characters of the holiday - kings Casper, Melchior and Balthazar. As part of the Feast of the Three Kings, nativity plays, carol concerts and competitions for participants are held.



Drowning of «marzanna» - one of the rites that continues since time immemorial. In different regions, the Polish farewell to winter and the meeting of spring looks somewhat different. However, a bright doll is always prepared, which is burned or drowned.