

Bulgarian Orthodox Church honours St. Anna



Today the Bulgarian Orthodox church celebrates the Conception of the Most Holy Theotokos by Saint Anna, who is patron saint of all things feminine, of marriage, family and motherhood.

In folklore, besides motherhood, this day is also associated with the turning of the Sun to the East towards spring, and the increase of the length of day, because the feast of St. Anna, old style, fell on the shortest day of the year, 22 December, after which the days are said to begin to grow by “a millet grain” a day. Something new is born – new light, new time, the new year, new luck.

Anna, Yanka, Yanko celebrate their name day today.