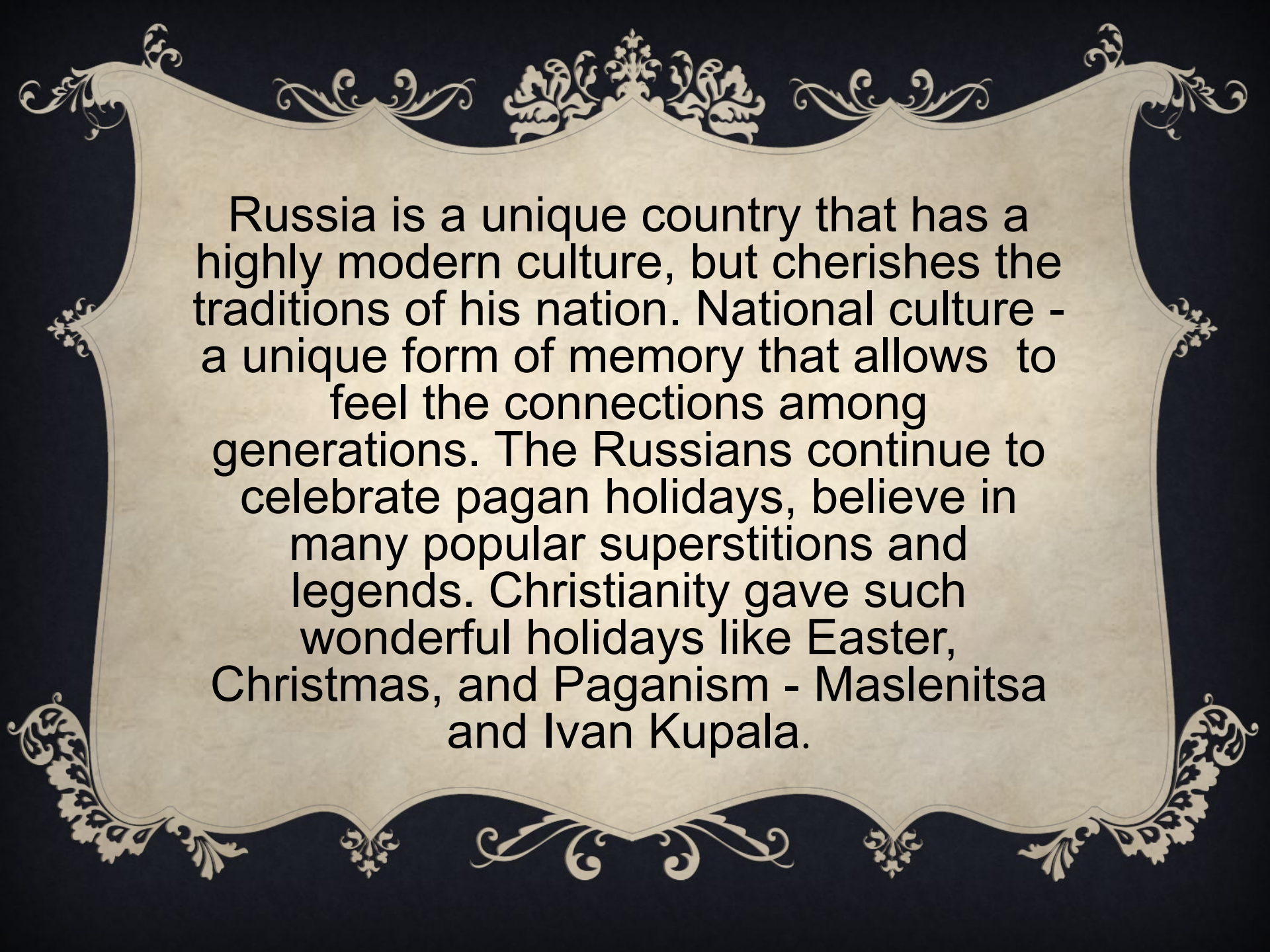




RUSSIAN TRADITIONS





Russia is a unique country that has a highly modern culture, but cherishes the traditions of his nation. National culture - a unique form of memory that allows to feel the connections among generations. The Russians continue to celebrate pagan holidays, believe in many popular superstitions and legends. Christianity gave such wonderful holidays like Easter, Christmas, and Paganism - Maslenitsa and Ivan Kupala.

EASTER

❖Easter - a bright holiday of Christ's resurrection. This holiday came to Russia from Byzantium at the end of X century. Since then, Russia solemnly celebrate the Christian holiday. Easter - is the day of hearty treats. After Lent on the table that day, and exhibited a variety delicious dishes. Among them the first place belongs to ritual meals. First of all, it's Easter cakes and colored eggs. It is believed that if the Easter bread was a success, the family all goeswell.



CHRISTMAS

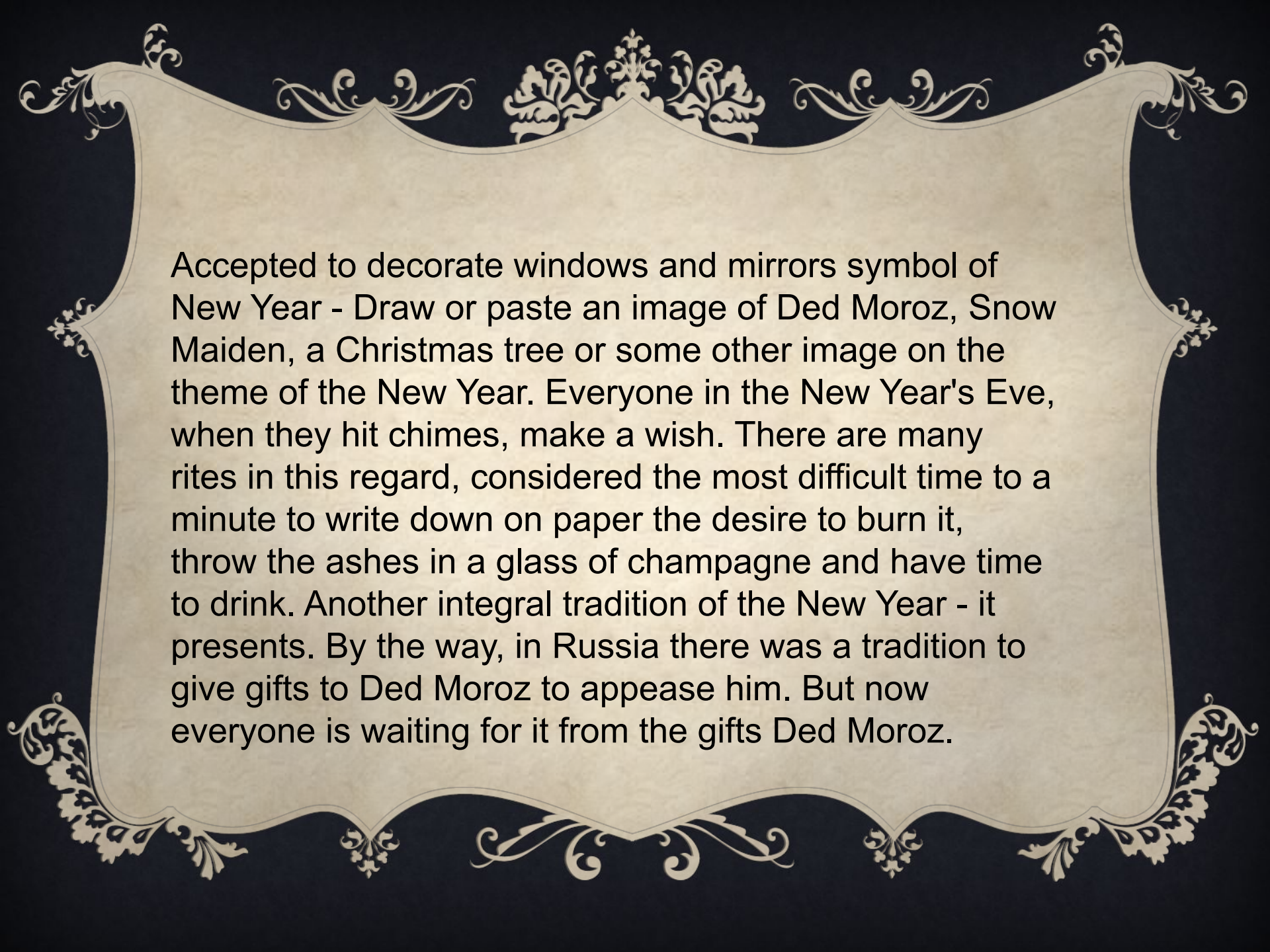
❖ In the winter traditions of the Russian people, particularly manifested in the celebration of Christmas. Particularly interesting carols, which are held on the night of January 7. People go from house to house, singing songs (carols), for this is their home and thank treated. Especially children love this tradition. They particularly enjoyed going in small groups and go caroling. Many people before the onset of the Christmas holiday in advance to buy sweets, biscuits, fruit to entertain the younger guests. People believe that they bring good luck and prosperity to the house.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



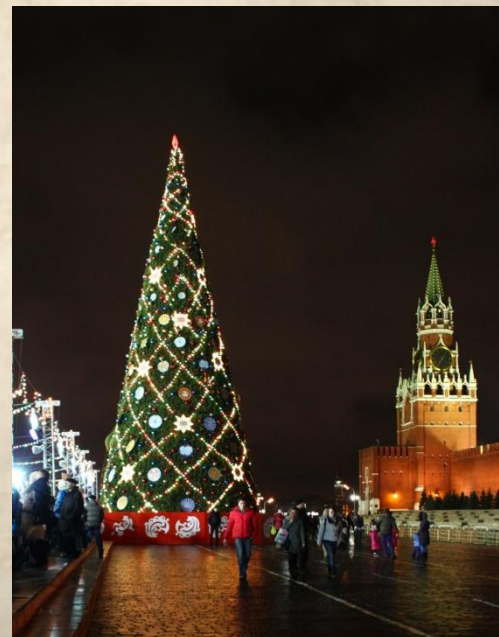
NEW YEAR

❖ New Year is a favorite holiday of all Russians. Celebrate the New Year on the night of December 31 to January 1 began only during the reign of Peter I. It was he who ordered to decorate the house with branches of spruce, pine and juniper, cover the banquet tables. This tradition borrowed from the Germans, the Russians, who considered sacred fir tree, the branches of which lives the spirit of the forest, which is considered the defender of goodness and justice. Green Pine is a symbol of long life.



Accepted to decorate windows and mirrors symbol of New Year - Draw or paste an image of Ded Moroz, Snow Maiden, a Christmas tree or some other image on the theme of the New Year. Everyone in the New Year's Eve, when they hit chimes, make a wish. There are many rites in this regard, considered the most difficult time to a minute to write down on paper the desire to burn it, throw the ashes in a glass of champagne and have time to drink. Another integral tradition of the New Year - it presents. By the way, in Russia there was a tradition to give gifts to Ded Moroz to appease him. But now everyone is waiting for it from the gifts Ded Moroz.

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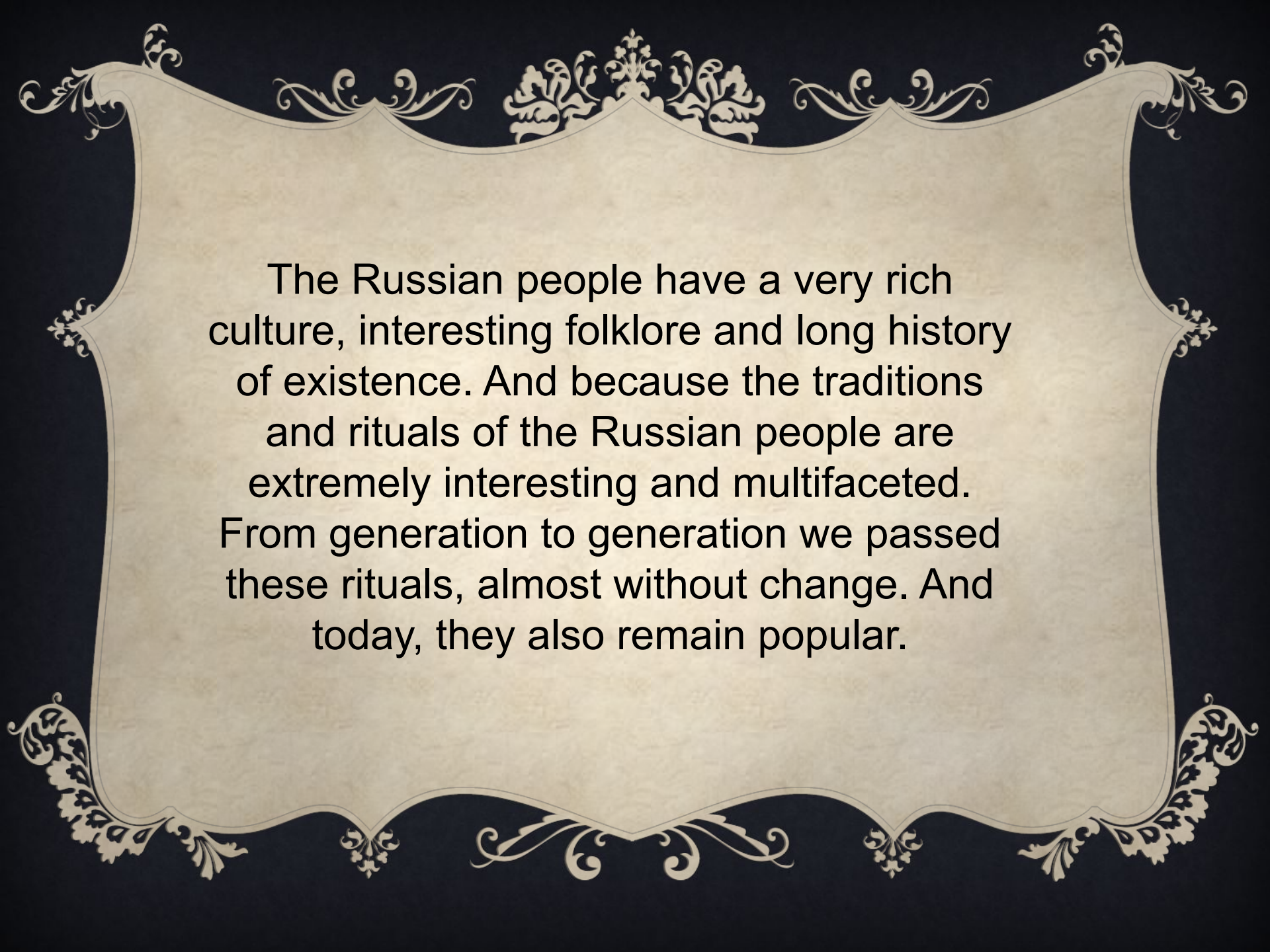


MASLENITSA

❖ Perhaps the most cheerful holiday in Russia could be called Maslenitsa. This festival is considered to be an echo of the pre-Christian times when the Slavs were still pagans. Customs and traditions of Maslenitsa distributed on weekdays. On Monday, the carnival people meet. They make a lot of straw effigy of winter, is to dress up in old clothes and tied with colorful ribbons. Tuesday begins the active festivities. Before, the streets of villages and towns went dressed clowns. For residents was arranged puppet theater, concerts and performances with trained bears. Now these folk celebration is carried out in parks and other entertainment centers. On Sunday, the last day of the Carnival was held the ritual burning of effigies of winter. Throughout the day, people are required to meet with their relatives and ask them for forgiveness for all the wrongs.

Despite the fact that the traditions of Maslenitsa come to us for a long time, they remain relevant to this day.





The Russian people have a very rich culture, interesting folklore and long history of existence. And because the traditions and rituals of the Russian people are extremely interesting and multifaceted. From generation to generation we passed these rituals, almost without change. And today, they also remain popular.