

Pentecost



The Pentecost is at the 7. sunday and monday after Easter.

This is a christian holiday, what commemorating about the procession of the Holy Ghost.



In Hungary, hundreds of people go to Szentendre at Pentecost. Of course, we have some wonderful popular custom.

I want to show you some of these lovely events:

In the Hungarian culture, there are some costume about the Pentecost. These habits often date back before the christianity. These habits are as old as the ancient Roman holidays, the floralias, which holidays held for Flora. Flora was the goddess of the floras. :) In Greek, this goddess' name was Khlóris, which means „blooming”.



Maypole: *In Hungary, people traditionally set the maypole up in the night of 1. of May. But the other reason for set up was the Pentecost. But the maypoles, what set up in 1. of May often pulled down at Pentecost. The maypole is a symbol of the renewing environment. The maypole was setting up by the lad for the girls. The maypoles were tall trees. These trees were decorate with colourful ribbons.*



Pentecost's King: This habit date back to the Middle Age. People selected the most able lad, and he was in every wedding and event. He drank free at the pub. This function was a week, but it could be an year, too.



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Pentecost's Queen-walk: 4 big girls carry a 5. She is the smallest, the cutest. They stop in every garden, and they stretch a shawl above the Queen. The singing, and walk around the Queen, and after that they uplift her. After the songs, they get presents.



Pentecosting: The Pentecost's Queen and King lead the people who celebrate them, and they walk around the village, they singing, and dancing.



The send-off at Csíksomlyó: The send-off at Csíksomlyó's tradition date back to the XV. Century. This is a big pilgrimage. After the mass in the Csíksomlyó-Church, the papistics walk up between the two Somlyó-Mountain. This tradition is alive, and this send-off now is a meeting for Hungarian people. Csíksomlyó is in Transilvania, and thousands of peoples go to Csíksomlyó. People says this send-off has an amazing atmosphere.

