

Christmas traditions in Cyprus

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Christmas Day

- Going to church
- Family gatherings
- Exchange of wishes and presents



Traditional soup and meat meals



**Playing
cards and
traditional
board
games with
family and
friends.**

New Year's Eve

- Santa Claus brings presents
- Family gathers and sings as the year turns
- We eat and drink wishing 'Happy New Year'



**A traditional
cake called
'vasilopita'
with a coin
inside is
served**

Theophany

- Traditionally known as Phota('lights')
- Cypriot donuts are thrown on to the roof
- Grandparents also give money to their grandkids



Represents Jesus' baptism

