
On January 7th the Bulgarian orthodox church holds in reverence for the memory of St. John the Baptist, who baptized Jesus Christ in the waters of the river Jordan. The feast's name is Ivanovden – St. Ivan's Day and nowadays 350 000 Bulgarians celebrate the day of their names.

St. John the Baptist is called also Precursor because he predicted the coming of Christ on earth and prepared the way of the Messiah with his sermons.

The name Ivan is one of the most popular names in Bulgaria. St. Ivan's Day is celebrated by Vanyo, Vanya, Enyo, Encho, Jan, Jana, Ivaylo, Ivan, Ivana, Ivanka, Ivanina, Iveta, Ivo, Yoan, Yoana, Yovka, Yovko, Yonka, Yonko, Yoto, Kaloyan.

The Governor of Burgas region Valcho Cholakov congratulates all people who are named after the saint and wishes health, good luck and success in every initiative.

On the occasion of the christian holidays St. Jordan's Day and St. Ivan's Day father Dimo from the church "St. Ivan Rilski" performed a sanctification ceremony for health in the Burgas Regional Administration.