

NAME *Day Ideas*

AN ACTIVITY THE WHOLE FAMILY CAN PARTICIPATE IN!



Bulgaria

Name days in Bulgaria are associated almost always with **Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox** celebrations. Some names can be celebrated on more than one day and some have even started following foreign traditions (like Valentina being celebrated on the **Catholic** St. Valentine's day). Name days in Bulgaria are as important and as widely celebrated as birthdays. Bulgarian tradition says that everybody is welcome on name days; there is no need to invite guests.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Name_day

Why Name Days?

In many eastern European countries they have **Name Days** – a day when everyone with the same first name celebrates. People will drop by (they do not have to be invited on this day) since they know your name and they know your name day – When they come they wish you well and by bring some candy or other small gift. Name Days are bigger and celebrated more than Birthdays by some people!

History of Name Days

The celebration of name days has been a tradition in **Catholic** countries since the **Middle Ages**, and has also continued

in some measure in the countries which adopted a reformed catholic faith (rather than strictly Protestant) at the **Reformation** - countries such as England and the Scandinavian states. The name days originate in the list of holidays celebrated in commemoration of **saints** and **martyrs** of the **Catholic Church**. For example, the name Karl or Carl (celebrated in Sweden on January 28) was originally Carolus Magnus, the Latin form of **Charlemagne**, and a commemoration of his death on this date. The church promoted celebration of name days (or rather saints' days) over birthdays, as the latter was seen as a pagan tradition.

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Name_day)

Site for more info on Names

<http://www.behindthename.com/namedays/lists/bul.php> - Bulgarian Name Days

<http://www.abvg.net/Traditions/NameDays/index.html> - Bulgarian Name Days

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bulgarian_Name_Days

<http://www.behindthename.com/nmc/bul.php> - origin of names

American Name Days?

Although name days are not widely celebrated in America the web address below has created names days for most names of people in America and Canada. You can check out the name days for your family or group for fun.



An American – Canadian website was set up to promote Name Days in North American –
<http://mynameday.net/>
<http://www.mynameday.com/findyourname.html>

Bible Study: What's in a Name?

Many leaders and characters in the Bible had names that had meaning. The following are a few to look at and study.

Abram/Abraham

Gen 17: 1-2 No longer will your name be Abram. Instead, your name will be Abraham because I will make you the father of a multitude of nations.

Peter

Matthew 16:16 No longer will your name be Abram. Instead, your name will be Abraham because I will make you the father of a multitude of nations.

Samuel

1 Samuel 1:20 After some time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, thinking, "I asked the Lord for him."

Moses

Exodus 2:10 When the child grew older she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "Because I drew him from the water."

Jacob & Esau

Genesis 1:25-26 When the time came for Rebekah to give birth, there were twins in her womb. The first came out reddish all over, like a hairy garment, so they named him Esau. When his brother came out with his hand clutching Esau's heel, they named him Jacob.

Barnabas

Acts 4:36 So Joseph, a Levite who was a native of Cyprus, called by the apostles Barnabas (which is translated "son of encouragement"),

Jesus was given his name -

Matthew 1:18-25 Now the birth of Jesus Christ happened this way. While his mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, but before they

came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph, her husband to be, was a righteous man, and because he did not want to disgrace her, he intended to divorce her privately. When he had contemplated this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and **you will name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.**" This all happened so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled: "**Look! The virgin will conceive and bear a son, and they will call him Emmanuel,**" which means "God with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep he did what the angel of the Lord told him. He took his wife, but did not have marital relations with her until **she gave birth to a son, whom he named Jesus.**

So you can see that names have had meanings for not only what they would do but how they would serve God.

Look too what it says in Proverbs about your name. Proverb 22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great wealth, good favor more than silver or gold.

So what does your name mean and can it and more importantly you be used to advance God's work? I hope so!

All Scripture from <http://net.bible.org>

BULGARIAN ALPHABET

Bulgarian (Български)

Bulgarian is a Southern Slavic language with about 12 million speakers mainly in Bulgaria, but also in Ukraine, Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey, Greece, Romania, Canada, USA, Australia, Germany and Spain. Bulgarian is mutually intelligible with Macedonian, and fairly closely related to Serbian, Croatian, Bosnian and Slovenian.

Bulgarian was the first Slavic language to be written: it start to appear in writing during the 9th century in the [Glagolitic](#) alphabet, which was gradually replaced by an early version of the [Cyrillic](#) alphabet over the following centuries.

At the end of the 18th century the Russian version of [Cyrillic](#) or the "civil script" of Peter the Great (1672-1725) was adapted to write Bulgarian as a result of the influence of printed books from Russia. During the 19th century a number of versions of this alphabet containing between 28 and 44 letters were used. In the 1870s a version of the alphabet with 32 letters proposed by Marin Drinov became widely used. This version remained in use until the orthographic reform of 1945 when the letters yat (ѣ ѣ), and yus (Ѹ Ѹ) were removed from the alphabet.

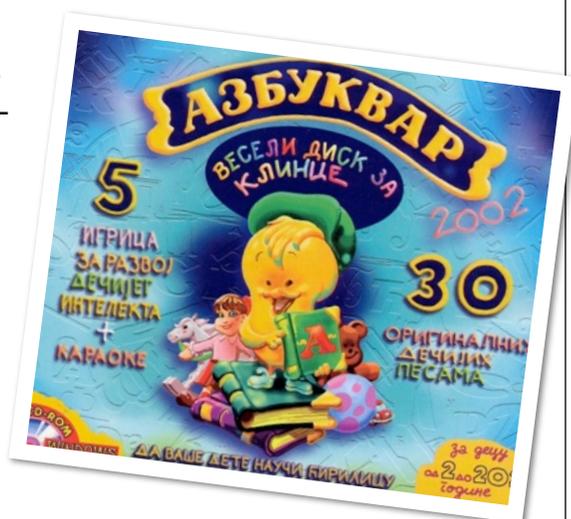


A modern literary language based on vernacular spoken Bulgarian was standardised after Bulgaria became independent in 1878. Many Turkish words were adopted into Bulgarian during the long period of Ottoman rule. Words have also been borrowed from Latin, Greek, Russian, French, Italian, German and increasingly from English.

<http://www.omniglot.com/writing/bulgarian.htm>

Bulgarian alphabet (българска азбука)

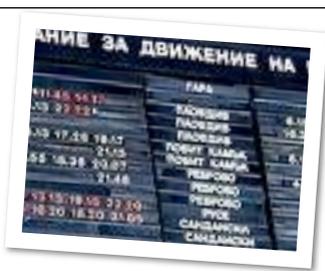
The Bulgarian alphabet is a variant of the Cyrillic alphabet. It consists of 30 letters. In the table attached you'll see how they look like, the names of the letters, as well as the letters or letter combinations of the English variant of the Latin alphabet that roughly correspond to the Bulgarian letters, and an English word that contains the same or almost the same sound.



Bulgarian is written in the Cyrillic alphabet. Modern Bulgarian Cyrillic has 30 letters:

Capital Letters	Small Letters	BG Name	Latin letters	Approx. English sound
А	а	а	a	far, father
Б	б	бъ	b	bird
В	в	въ	v	victory
Г	г	гъ	g	go
Д	д	дъ	d	delay
Е	е	е	e	pet
Ж	ж	жъ	szur	pleasure
З	з	зъ	z	zealot
И	и	и	i	need, happy, tea
Й	й	и кратко	j	yes, you
К	к	къ	k	sketch
Л	л	лъ	l	fill, blue
М	м	мъ	m	meat
Н	н	нъ	n	need
О	о	о	o	fork
П	п	пъ	p	speak
Р	р	ръ	r	Spanish r
С	с	съ	s	soap
Т	т	тъ	t	stop
У	у	у	u	food
Ф	ф	фъ	f	fast
Х	х	хъ	h	Scottish loch
Ц	ц	цъ	ts	cats
Ч	ч	чъ	ch	cherry
Ш	ш	шъ	sch	sure
Щ	щ	щъ	scht	ʃ + t
Ъ	ъ	ер голям	u	bug
Ь	ь	ер малък	No phonetic value*	
Ю	ю	ю	you	you, new
Я	я	я	ja,	yard

* Ъ is used only after consonants and before o, where it marks palatalisation of the consonant.



Can You Read Bulgarian?

Our Names in Bulgarian are written as follows:

Alan Mellinger – АЛАН МЕЛИНДЖЪР

Diane Mellinger – ДАЯН МЕЛИНДЖЪР



How would you write the following in Bulgarian?
(translate them using the alphabet sheet)

Your Name:

Your Churches Name:

Your Town:

Can you read the following Bulgarian Words
(translate them using the alphabet sheet and then read them)

МАКДОНАЛДС

ИНТЕРНЕТ

ТЕНИС

ФИЛМ

ХОТЕЛ

РАДИО

КЕКС

ПИЦА

СПОРТ