

# "St. Basil" is Saint Nicholas in Greece

Christmas customs differ from country to country and many newcomers to Canada are learning about the Canadian ways for the first time. They will be remembering, too, the Christmas season in the lands of their birth. In the Bell Telephone Co. magazine, "The Blue Bell," there is a series of stories about the cele-

brations in other countries. It is made of the altar in the corner of the room where we all ways had holy pictures and where a candle burned.

By Tina Constantoulidis

Christmas morning with a church service at four o'clock. Everyone goes to that service as much like that served in Canada. You know, I had never seen a spiky Christmas cake.

As in other countries, Christmas is always put and it is up a little creche my brother really celebrate. In fact, from

**Holiday Highlight**

**Try the Boxing Day Brunch**

A Boxing Day brunch can be a feast and marmalade are good accompaniments. If you wish a day season for both the hostess and her guests. A combination of apple and fresh fruit provide a light and healthy meal.

The ideal time for such an affair is 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

A thoughtful hostess will keep her guests warm with a hot beverage. Tea should be served throughout the meal as it clears the palate and helps the digestion.

Butter desired number of eggs with cream to each. Break the eggs with salt, pepper and parsley. Put with butter. Arrange in a buttered pan. Cook for 12 to 18 minutes, or until eggs are set.

A variation on this is shirred eggs with meat. Just sprinkle buttered ramekins with minced meat and cook for 10 minutes. A variety of hot breads and toast with a selection of preserves as for shirred eggs.

**Gifts for Girls**

**Beauty Gifts Sure to Please**

Of all the gifts favored by the fair sex, none are more appreciated than beauty gifts. Yuletide giving, than beauty gifts.

Even the packages of cosmetics, fragrances and other beauty products, specially prepared for the Christmas season, have a gala

Beauty gifts can be extremely inexpensive or lavish, depending on whether they're to be major presents or tokens of affection. The stocking-like lipstick or flask of perfume can be tucked in with other gifts. Matched sets, often including both cosmetics and fragrances, move into the "big gift" class.

Lastingly useful are such gifts as electric hair drivers, electric shavers, manicure sets.

If possible, her personal tastes should be determined before selecting beauty gifts. When no hints are available, a wardrobe of fragrances, a wardrobe of make-up in various hues, might be good choices.

Even the fairest ladies can be beautifully gifted with simple manicure sets or bath preparations. For the teen who has just recently acquired the privilege of using cosmetics are made beauty gifts—especially for young girls.

**New Year Gatherings Are Ancient Tradition**

Gathering with family and friends to celebrate the New Year is a custom older than when the date January 1 became accepted as the first day of the year.

Watching the old year out and the new year in is one of the oldest and most universal of all celebrations. The custom of New Year's Eve gatherings, although they spring to wish each other health, wealth and happiness in the days ahead.

And long before this time, the Yuletide gatherings for the turning of the year to propitiate their twelve Norse gods.

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# Cartier in Wilderness

The evergreens stood tall along the shore and back to them, happened on his first voyage. Cartier's men, wintering for the first time at Tadoussac (Quebec City), his famous "Voyages" can be traced to the first voyage of Cartier's men, wintering for the first time at Tadoussac (Quebec City).

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**Scurvy Threat**

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Early Nativity Scenes

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