

# Russians Plunge Into Icy Water to Mark Epiphany

January 19, 2018



Epiphany, which is celebrated on Jan. 19, is one of the most important holidays in the Russian Orthodox tradition.

The holiday marks the baptism of Christ by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. Believers throughout Russia immerse themselves into holes cut into frozen rivers and lakes that have been blessed by a priest.

Original url:

<https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2018/01/19/russians-take-dip-in-icy-water-to-mark-epiphany-a6022>