

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SÂNZIENE HOLIDAY

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Abstract: *Starting from a pre-Christian ritual, namely the cult of fertility and fecundity, the holiday of Sânziene symbolizes the beginning of summer. The young women about to marry make wedding incantations accompanied by wreath plaiting. Due to the rural population's migration to cities, nowadays one can hardly identify the initial secrets of the holiday.*

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