Lay aside summer's work for Midsummer festival

My favorite Shakespearean play has never been "Hamlet," "Macbeth" nor even "Romeo and Juliet." I much prefer the marry comedy of "A Midsunmer Night's Dream."

The enchainments, the love spells, the magical mixupe caused by frolich. The enchainments all reminiscent of the folk tales from many lands about the mysterious things that can happen on Midsummer Night.

Today there is some confusion as to whether June 21 or June 24 should rightfully be called Midsummer Day June 21 is the longest day of the year, the summer solstice. This was the day on which pagan people laid aside their hard summer work for a while for the fun and frolic of the Midsummer festival.

FROM JUNE 21 on, the hours of sunlight diminish. So on the third day after the solstice, great fires were lighted and rituals held to "strengthen the sun," much like the bale fires



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In secient times, witches, along the Midwammer feative. However, it is considered a "misser" or "leaser" burned on February 2 to call the sun back for spring.

The vigor and extent of the crops were believed to be governed by the height of the flames. People would join hands and jump over the flames. Leaping of thir kind was a common folk custom intended to stimulate the crops by example. The higher they jumped, the higher they believed the group would grow. Christian church was attempting to convert pagms.

June 21 was the day we observed when I was a child.

Festival coming up

"YA'SBOO!" (To your health!) is the theme Friday, Saturday and Sun-day at St. George Greek Orthadox Church of Bloomfeld Hills, 1515 Wood-ward (b) mile n. of Square Lake Road), for the second annual ethnic feature.

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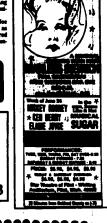
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Like a contaries-sid Grecian street fair. the festival will then with the music of the houseadt, made famous by the houseadt, made famous by the movie "Zorka," and the onion of the market place for fonce full days; Frishy evening, and 11 âyn. to 11 p.m. Bastendy and Sanday. Parking is free on the charce promotes and aurounding area. Additional parking is available on Bloomfield Road. Winthrop Road and Highland Road. Children under 8 are free.

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