



A roasted goose is another tradition.

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ties is the celebration of Christmas as a family festival.

Armenian Christmas falls on Jan. 6 or Jan. 19. It is a holy day preceded by a week of fasting. The week ends with a communal meal Christmas morning. Christmas Eve, choir boys go through the village collecting bread, butter, wheat and other foodstuffs to be used for the meal.

Among Czechs and Slovaks, the day before Christmas also is a fast day. Children are urged to abstain from food until evening. The din-

ner meal is planned weeks in advance. The main dish is baked carp served with a dark sauce. Custom demands that the carp be bought and kept alive until it is cooked. Fish soup also is served.

Christmas and Christmas Eve are equally festive occasions for Germans.

Roast goose or duck is the traditional Christmas food along with green kale or sprout. As in Czechoslovakia, carp is a traditional Christmas food. It is considered an omen of good luck. Christmas

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