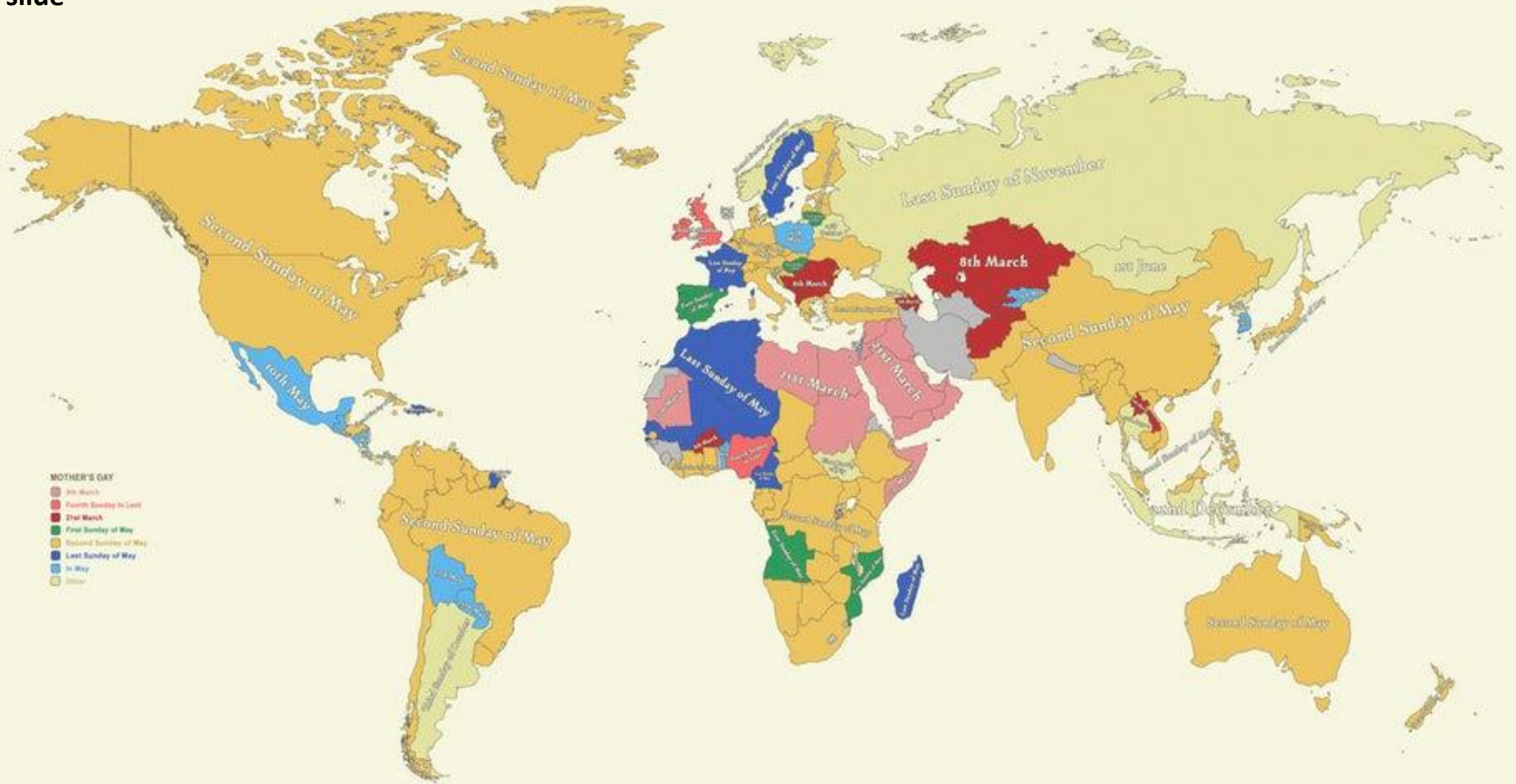


MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATED IN BULGARIA

- **Mother's Day is a day of honoring mothers and women in European countries.**
- What day is this? Is it on the second Sunday or last Sunday of May? Are you sure Mother's Day is even in May?
- Surprise, Mother's day is celebrated on all those days, depending on what part of the world you ask.
- **Mothers are important around the world.**
- Regardless of the date or what the people of a country call this day dedicated to mothers, the spirit of the celebrations is usually the same or similar — to honour the mother (or women) of the family, motherhood, the maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society.
- **In fact, there are over 30 different mothers day dates around the world; not all of those days are called mothers' day.**



MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATED IN EUROPE

Second Sunday of May

- registered by Anna Jarvis in USA, 1914.
- **103 countries** celebrate Mothers Day on this date including:
 - Germany (first officially celebration in 1922),
 - Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia
 - Greece, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Swiss (1917), Switzerland, Ukraine
- **8th of March “International Woman’s Day”**
- 19 March 1911 in USA for the first time
- **21 countries** including Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- Bulgaria (in 1915 for the first time),
- Kosovo, North Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro,
- Romania, Serbia

- **1st Sunday of May – 8 countries** including Hungary, Lithuania, Portugal, Spain
- **last Sunday of May** (If Mothers' day falls on Pentecost day, Mother's day is moved to the first Sunday of June) – **14 countries** including France (1950) and Sweden
- **Fourth Sunday of Lent “Mothering Sunday”** that is usually in March – **7 countries** including Ireland and England
- **August 15** – Antwerp in Belgium
- **2nd Sunday of February** – Norway
- **25th of March** – Annunciation. It is a great Christian celebration of Mother's Day in Slovenia, Bulgaria and Romania
- **8 January/ 21 January** – The Day of grandmother, mother, midwife, birth support - Bulgaria
- **26th of May** – Poland
- **2nd Sunday of June** - Luxembourg

8 January/ 21 January

GRANDMOTHER'S DAY

MOTHER'S DAY

DAY OF MIDWIFE

DAY OF BIRTH SUPPORT



8 January or 21 January (known as **Babinden**) is one of the great folk women's holidays dedicated to:

- mothers, grandmothers and midwife - the women who help with the birth
- the young brides and women who gave birth;
- doctors – gynecologists (in nowadays) .

The rite of this day is mainly subject to the desire to pay tribute and respect to the women who give a new life.

In 1951 the 21st January (according to the new calendar - 8 January) was accepted as the Day of Birth support, midwives and gynecologists in Bulgaria.

CLUB KALINA, RUSE, BULGARIA

MRS. KRASIMIA MARINOVA, PRESIDENT

15 anniversary of the Club Kalina – 20 March 2022

This holiday is celebrated mainly in a humorous spirit!



On Babinden, all children born in the previous year and their mothers gather at the house of the midwife to perform the following rituals:

- **The bathing of the children by the midwife**, followed by blessings, the anointment of the babies with honey and butter. The ritual is performed to ensure the health and many babies of all participants.





All mothers give the midwife gifts.





➤ The young mothers' feast.

The young mothers (those who have given birth in the last year) bring bread, banitsa (traditional bread with cheese), chicken and wine. They help the midwife wash and present her with new clothes.









Children hold a special place in the Bulgarian culture. Many traditional sayings testify to this; for example "*A childless house is a burnt house*" and "*The child is bigger than a king*".

There is a complex system of traditional beliefs about what should and should not be done in order to have an easy pregnancy and birthing, and a healthy child.

- Children should not be conceived on the night of Friday to Saturday.
- A pregnant woman may not steal and eat in secret because the stolen or the eaten item will manifest itself as scarring or a birthmark on the baby.
- A pregnant woman should receive all she craves.
- If food is hidden from a pregnant woman, the baby will be a fastidious eater and sickly.

Godfather



8TH OF MARCH “INTERNATIONAL WOMAN’S DAY”



The first woman doctor in **Bulgaria** - Dr. Tota Venkova. She organized the first public celebration



- Raina Kasabova goes down in history and statistics as the first woman in the world to complete a mission aboard a fighter jet. She was only 15 year old.

- On this day every boy and man must present flowers and gifts to his wife, mother, mother-in-law, girlfriend, colleague, daughter, family friends-women. Celebrating at home or in a restaurant is a must.
- The leaders send greeting cards to all women who work in the organization.





**ЧЕСТИТ ДЕН НА
ЖЕНАТА - 8 МАРТ!**

25 MARCH – ANNUNCIATION BLAGOVESTENIE, BLAGOVETS

- I will show you a celebrating of this day in the Municipality of Slivo Pole in 2019. The leaders were Mrs. Veska Uzunova, the Presidents of the Union of pensioners (with 21 clubs in all villages and towns) and Mr. Valentin Atanasov, the Mayor of the Municipality.
- Blagovestenie/Blagovets (the Annunciation) is annually organized as a drama game by pensioners and school students. The main aim is to celebrate the mothers. The second goal is to preserve and transmit old traditions to the new generations.



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On this day the theatre was held in the house of Mrs. Kornilova.



25 slide All women swept the house, meet the neighbors, and sowed trees and seeds.





- One woman pierced the ears of a little girl and lent her gold earrings.
- The men prepared a fire.



- Jumping over the fire is another part of the ritual usually performed by the younger members of the community. It is said that the farthest jump would give that young man a wife in the autumn. And all attempts will give good health to participants for their efforts.



- Many stories were told that day - if you see a stork, you have to touch a penny to be wealthy all year long.
- Many songs were sung and many dances were danced on that day.

