

## LAMMAS CELEBRATION AMONG RUSSIAN WICCANS

*The article is based on a study of Russian Wiccans, conducted by the author from 2015 to date in Moscow and St. Petersburg, and in the Russian segment of the Internet. The article tells about Wicca — its features, principles and the most significant stages of development. Also, in general terms, the article describes the Wheel of the Year — the ritual cycle of Wiccans. The main part of the article is devoted to one of the Wiccan holidays — Lammas. According to Wiccans, it is the day of the beginning of autumn and harvest, thanksgiving for the gifts sent down and the prologue to the dark season. Part of the information about the celebration of Lammas, which is the basis of the article, was obtained by the author during field work in one of the Wiccan covens in Moscow in the summer of 2020. The collected material is presented in three parts: a brief history of Wicca in the West and in Russia, the history of the Wheel of the Year, and an example of the celebration of Lammas among Russian Wiccans.*

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