

The custom of sacrificing roosters (butchering roosters) is an ancient one. The harvest time ends on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October and winter begins.

*The sacrifice was for thanking the gods of Thrace so that they kept the villagers healthy during the summer.* It is a residue of idolatric times and for this reason the Metropolitite tried to stop the revival of the custom in 1916.

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