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The Snow Maiden, or Snegurochka. **Victor Vasnetsov**

Happy Grandfather Frost and Snow Maiden Day! On Jan. 30, an old pagan festival celebrating the end of winter takes place. People tell stories about how the Snow Maiden — a character in a Russian fairytale — fell in love, before melting in the glare of the first spring sunbeam.

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