

Russia Celebrates Orthodox Epiphany With Tradition of Icy Plunges

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Russians are celebrating the Orthodox Epiphany, the holiday that honors the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, by immersion into frigid rivers, ponds and lakes across the country. The Russian Orthodox Church celebrates the Epiphany on Jan. 19, but the festivities traditionally begin on the day before. According to tradition, people immerse themselves completely three times to symbolize the Holy Trinity. Here's a look at the Epiphany celebrations taking place in the Russian capital.



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