

# In Photos: Russians Celebrate Epiphany By Plunging Into Freezing Waters

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Orthodox Christians across Russia celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany on Sunday by plunging themselves into frigid seas, lakes and rivers in just their bathing suits. According to tradition, one must dip below the water's surface three times to symbolize the Holy Trinity. In the Black Sea coastal city of Anapa, Russians took their traditional Epiphany dips in waters affected by a major oil spill despite concerns about the toxic pollution. The Kremlin has not released footage of President Vladimir Putin taking part in Epiphany bathing since 2021. Here's a selection of photos from this year's celebrations across the country:



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