

Yule spirits in calendar representations of Komi-Zyryans.

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In the folklore of the Komi-Zyryans, an exceptional variety and versatility of ideas about the holy spirits is found: the existence of a special holy game "expulsion of the holy spirit," Christmas songs about the holy spirits, stories about the holy spirits and much more. A wide range of local terms (about thirty options) also speaks of the variability of representations. Most of them do not have a clear etymology, but they are all related to the general mechanisms of personification of this image, which open up a wider context of traditional ideas. The specific mythological image of Crackling Frost is also organically included in the sphere of ideas about Christmas spirits.