



# The Dead Are With Us

Attitudes Toward The Dearly Departed in Slovakia

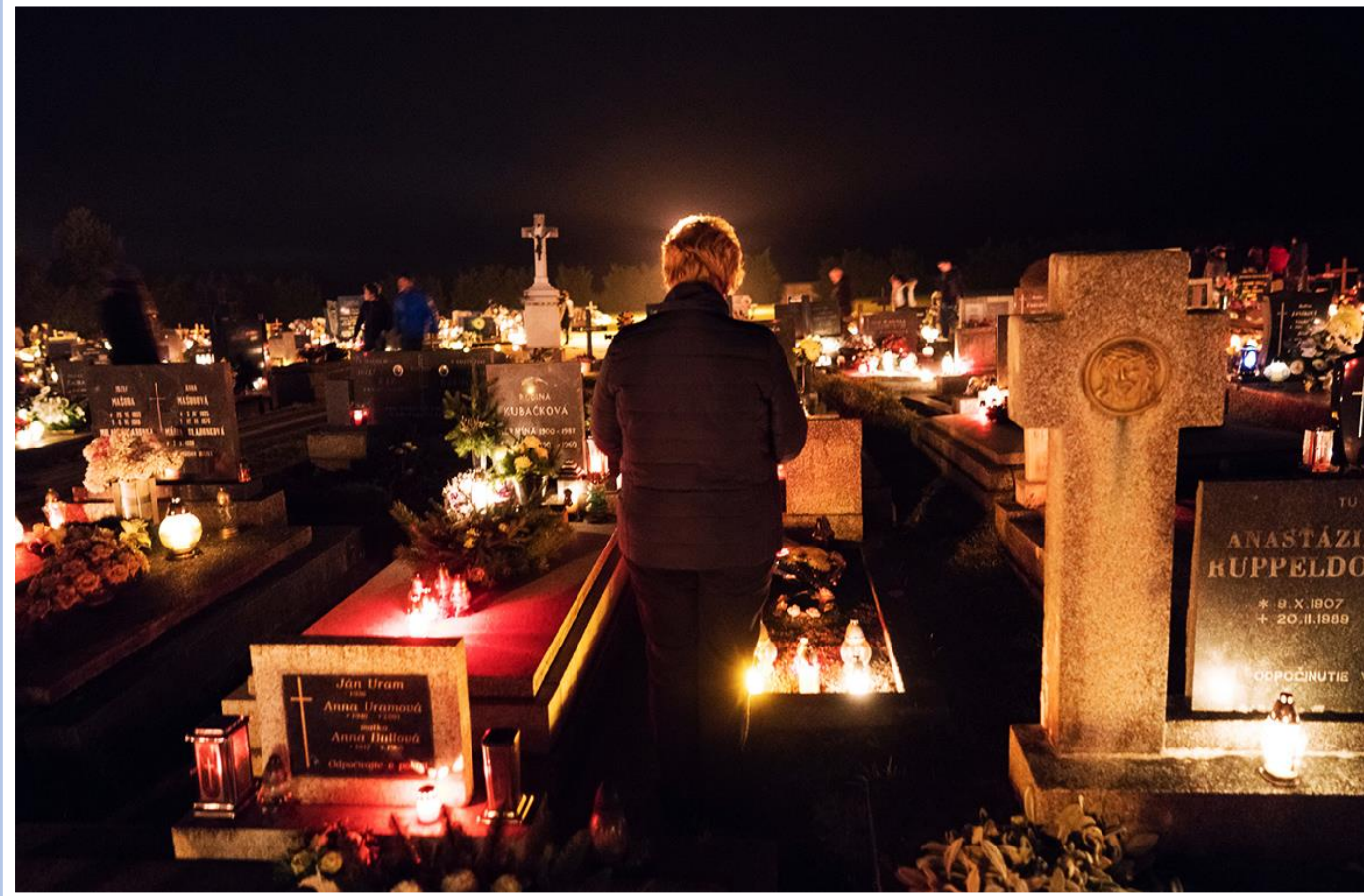


## Folk Life

- Washing a corpse for purification
- Burying Bodies in the Ground
- Mourning & Care for dead is eternal
- Visiting Graves on All Saints Day
  - Communing with the Dead

## Folklore

- Journey to the Otherworld
- Otherworld beings emerging into the land of the living.
- Souls survive decay of the body
- Spirits of ancestors are not malicious



<https://www.ibtimes.co.uk/day-dead-millions-people-across-world-pay-their-respects-deceased-1589497>

## The Tree of Life Connects the Worlds

Upper

The holy realm

Middle

Where we live

Other

Land of the Dead & More

Nature-oriented pre-Christian practices that celebrate the past rooting people in their history.

The change of seasons triggers these remembrances full of flowers, candles, and night-time graveyard visits.

There is no "getting over" the departed.

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