**January 1st – New Year’s Day**

Hangover, resolutions, food – lentils, no fish or poultry

Establishment, independent, speech

**May 1st – Labour Day, International Workers’Day**

Strike, working conditions`

Love, blooming trees

**May 8th – Liberation Day**

Commemorate, Troops, capture, surrender, liberate

Flowers – memorials – victims

**July 5th – Cyril and Methodius Day**

Priests, spread, Christianity, alphabet

masses

**July 6th – Jan Hus Day**

Religious reformer, burnt at the stake, views

Two consecutive days off

**September 28th – St. Wenceslas Day**

Statehood, patron saint, anniversary, duke, murdered

**October 28th – Czechoslovak Independence Day**

Founded/declared independence, empire,

Honour, achieve

**November 17th – Day of the Fight for Freedom and Democracy**

milestones, demonstrations suppressed, funeral, dormitory, arrest, execute without trial,

Velvet Revolution, communist regime

Light candles

**Easter**

Resurrection, crucified – then came back to life,

Whip girls with plaited willow sticks, hand-painted eggs