

# The Halloween

what is the truth behind it ?



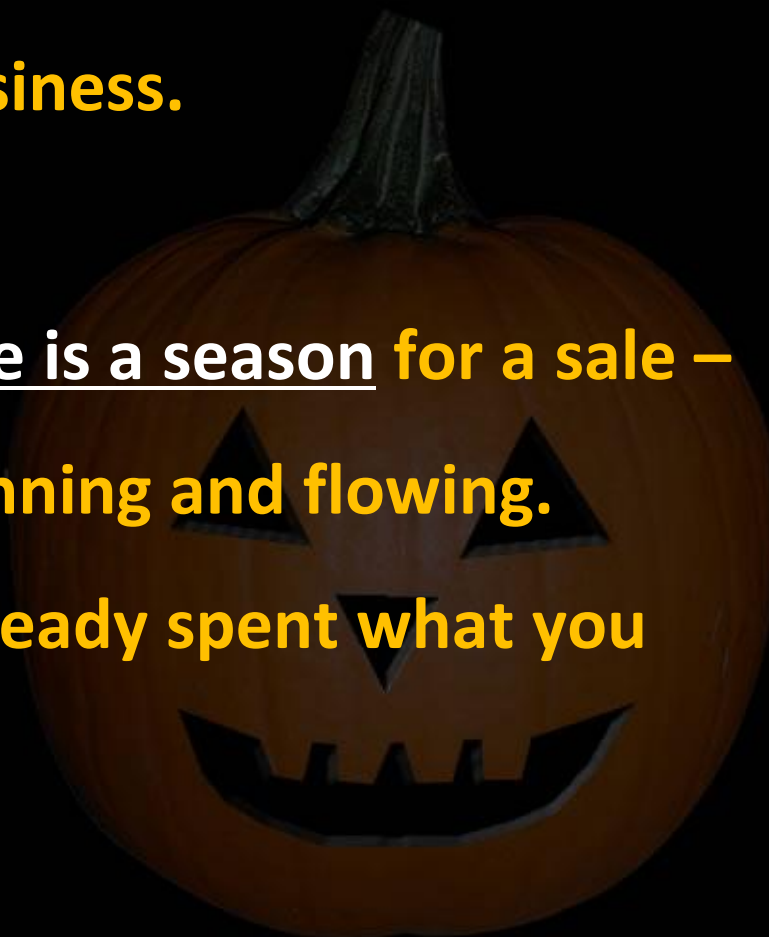
الهالووين ...  
ما هي الحقيقة ؟



**The Media around us shapes our minds and control our life style.**

**It is all about MONEY and business.**

**Every month of the year there is a season for a sale –  
always keep the economy running and flowing.  
Paycheck to paycheck you already spent what you  
will have. OR**





• There is always the Credit Cards or Loans – that means borrowing from the future.

All this system is supported by the Media ( Newspapers – TV – Cable – Internet )

When there is New there is Newer and Newest .....

Going on and on every year in circle does not end. But it keeps moving wider and deeper.





- January

Martin Luther King Day

- February

President Day – Valentine Day

- March

St. Patrick Day

- April

Easter Feast

- May

Mothers Day – Memorial Day

- June

Father's Day – Flag Day

- July

Independence Day

- August

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- September

Labour Day

- October

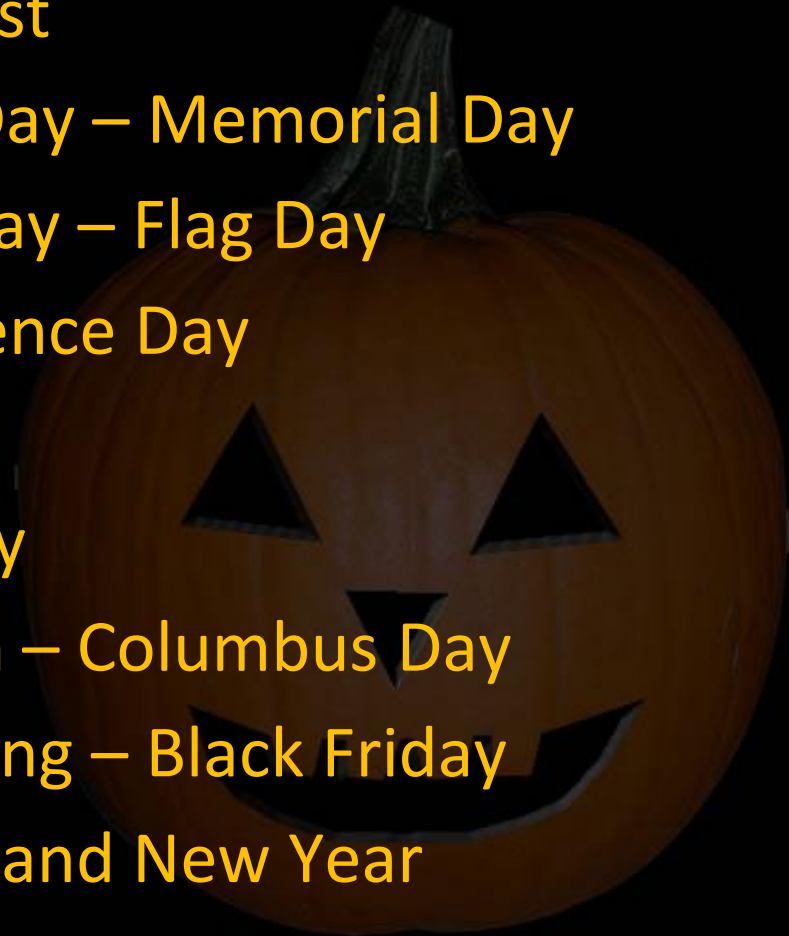
Halloween – Columbus Day

- November

Thanksgiving – Black Friday

- December

Christmas and New Year



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# الهلويين

عيد من أصل مسيحي؟

أم عيد شيطاني؟

أم عيد بلا معنى!!؟

ما هي الحقيقة؟



# أسئلة أخرى ...

كيف نحتفل بالهلويين ؟

لماذا أطفالنا يصِّروا على الإحتفال بالهلويين ؟

هل توجد علاقة بين الهلويين و القديسين ؟

( أول نوفمبر عيد جميع القديسين عند أخواتنا الكاثوليك )

# تاريخ الهالووين

كيف بدأ؟  
وما هو اليوم؟



# Christianity and Halloween

- This Movie is available on U Tube and on I-Tunes as well under the name of:

## **The Story of Halloween**

Produced by the History channel.





# تاريخ الهلويين

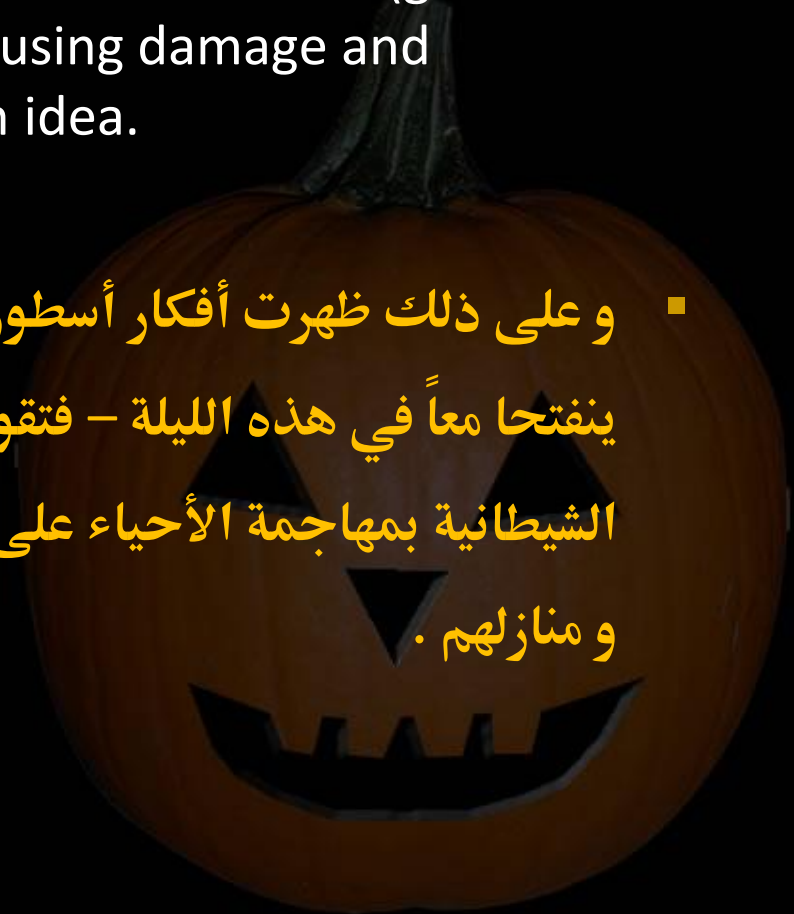
- **Origin**: ancient (pre-Christian) Druidic fire festival called "Samhain", celebrated for 3 days by **the Celts** (قبائل قديمة عاشت في منطقة شمال غرب أوروبا) in Scotland, Wales and Ireland. Samhain is pronounced « sow-in » after a while ( 2,000 years ago) (the 3 days are October 31<sup>st</sup> , Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> ) and after they started to celebrate it in their new year on November 1
- November 1 - Marked the end of summer, the harvest and also the beginning of the dark, cold winter and that time of year that was often associated with human death.

أول نوفمبر في ذلك الزمان كان يوافق نهاية الصيف و نهاية موسم الحصاد  
و بداية موسم الشتاء القارس و إختفاء الشمس ( الظلام ) – علاقة خفية بين الحياة  
و الموت – نهاية الحياة و مجيء الموت .....

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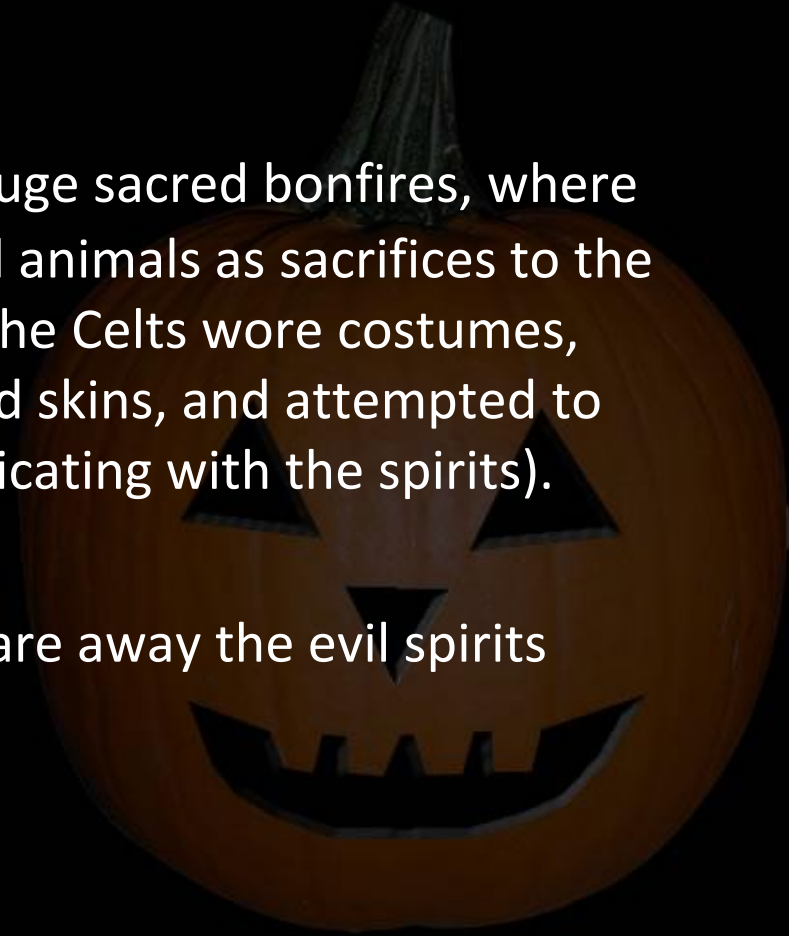
- The boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred on the eve of that feast (ghosts of the dead returned to earth causing damage and destroying crops). It was myth idea.

- و على ذلك ظهرت أفكار أسطورية خرافية أن عالم الأحياء و الأموات يفتحا معاً في هذه الليلة - فتقوم الأرواح التي في الجحيم أو الأرواح الشيطانية بمهاجمة الأحياء على الأرض - و تدمير محاصيلهم و أرضهم و منازلهم .



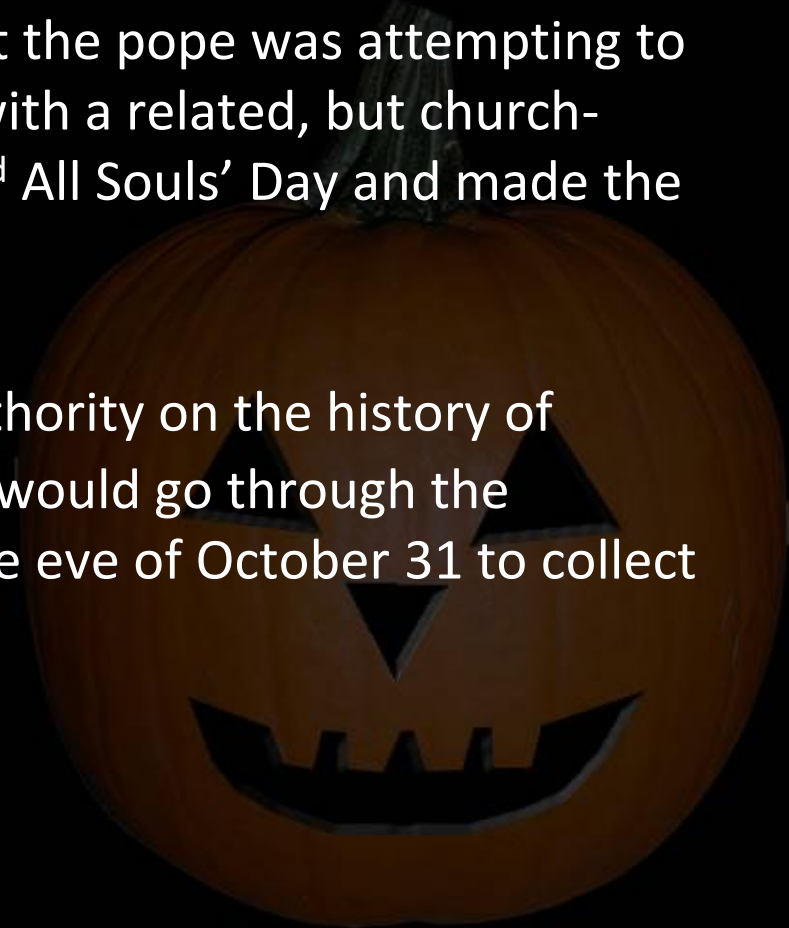
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- Also called All-hallows or All - Hallowmas (from Middle English Alhallowmesse meaning All Saints' Day) and the night before it, the night of Samhain, began to be called All-hallows Eve and, eventually, Halloween.
- The Druids ( **أعضاء قبائل الـ Celt** ) Built huge sacred bonfires, where the people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities. During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each others' fortunes (by communicating with the spirits).
- They also dressed up and lit fires to scare away the evil spirits looking for living bodies to inhabit.



# تاريخ الهلويين

- **In the 800s:** Christianity. In the seventh century, Pope Boniface IV designated November 1<sup>st</sup> All Saints' Day, a time to honour saints and martyrs. It is widely believed today that the pope was attempting to replace the Celtic festival of the dead with a related, but church-sanctioned holiday – He added Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls' Day and made the idea more confirmed.
- **Irene Park,** a former witch and authority on the history of Halloween says, "The Druids in Ireland would go through the neighbourhoods and countryside on the eve of October 31 to collect offerings for Satan.

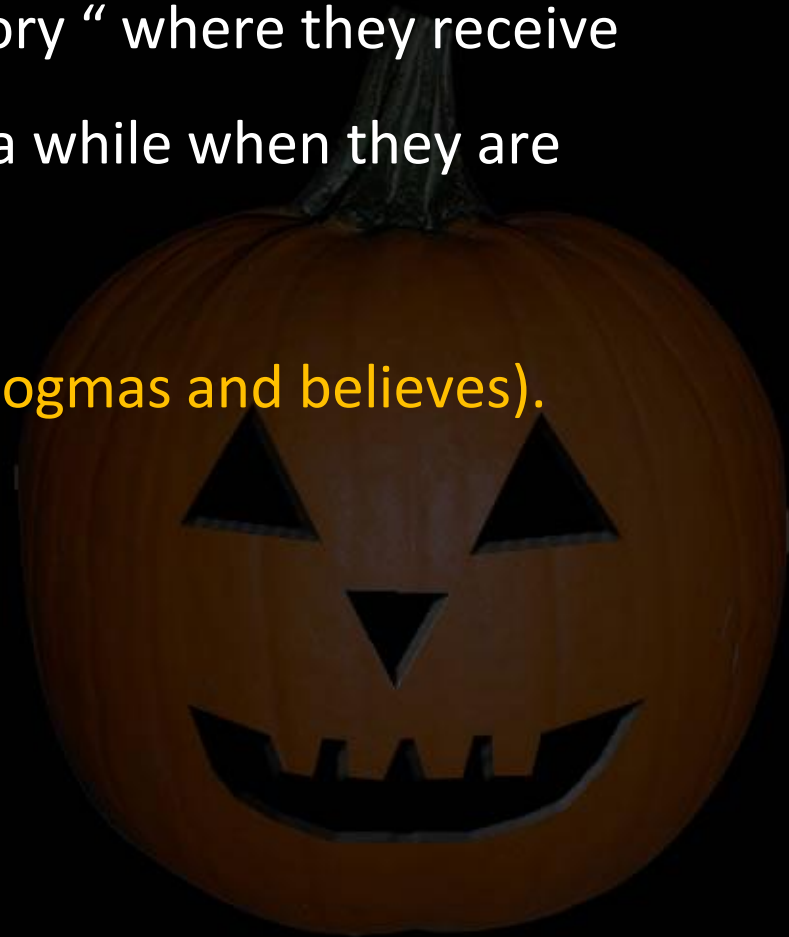


# تاريخ الهلووين

## ■ The Purgatory Idea:

some people whom their sins are not great (???) after death, they go to this place so called “ Purgatory “ where they receive Punishment for their sins and after a while when they are purified they go to Paradise.

(false idea according to orthodoxy dogmas and believes).



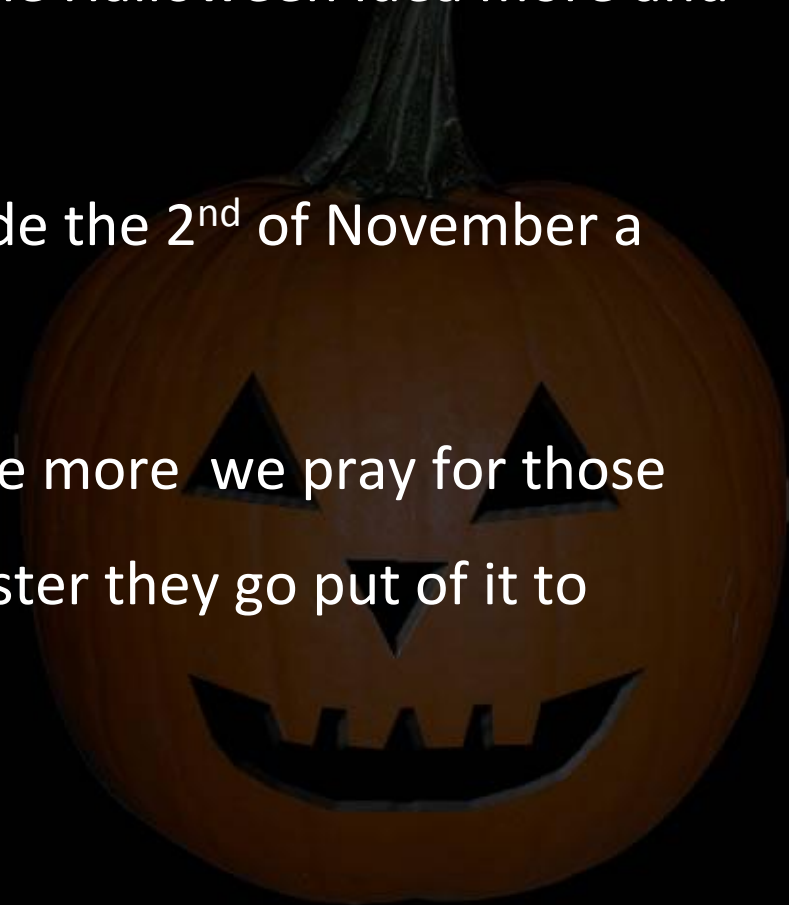
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- The re action of Purgatory Idea:

of course this idea of purgatory and the timing of 1<sup>st</sup> November the Feast of “all Saints Day” made the Halloween idea more and more accepted by a lot of people.

even more the Catholic Church, made the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November a feast called “ All Souls Day ”

- according to the catholic believe, the more we pray for those people who are in Purgatory, the faster they go put of it to Heaven. ???



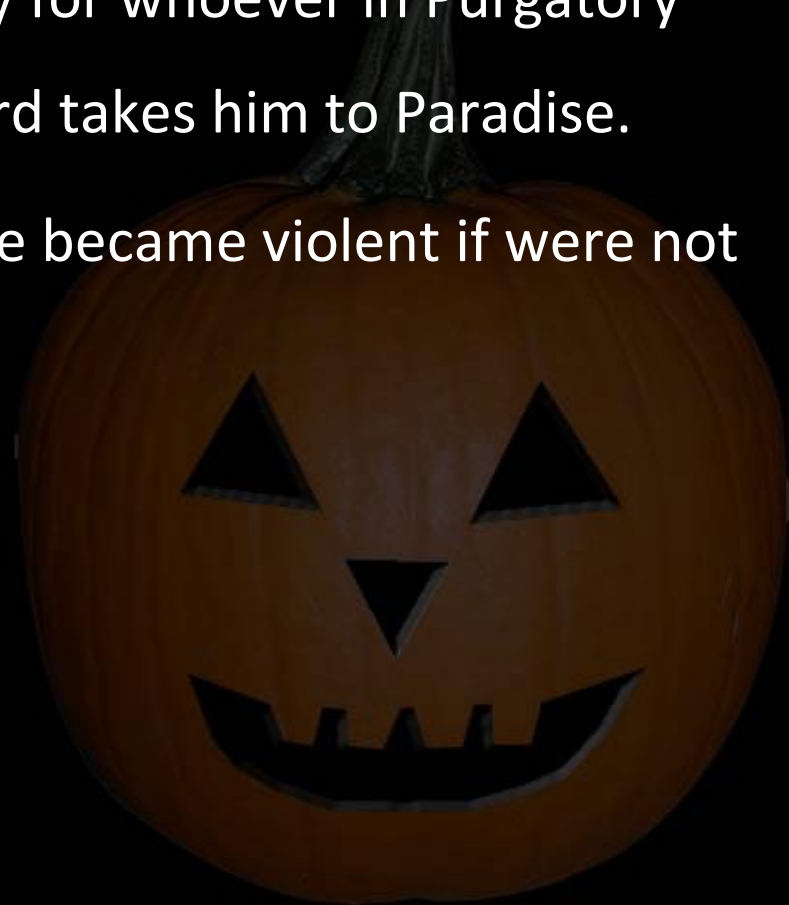
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## The re action of Purgatory Idea:

Now the baggers goes from one house to another asking for anything and in return they can pray for whoever in Purgatory that he may got out of it and the Lord takes him to Paradise.

of course those beggars after a while became violent if were not given enough to feed them.

**(the same idea of Trick or Treat)**

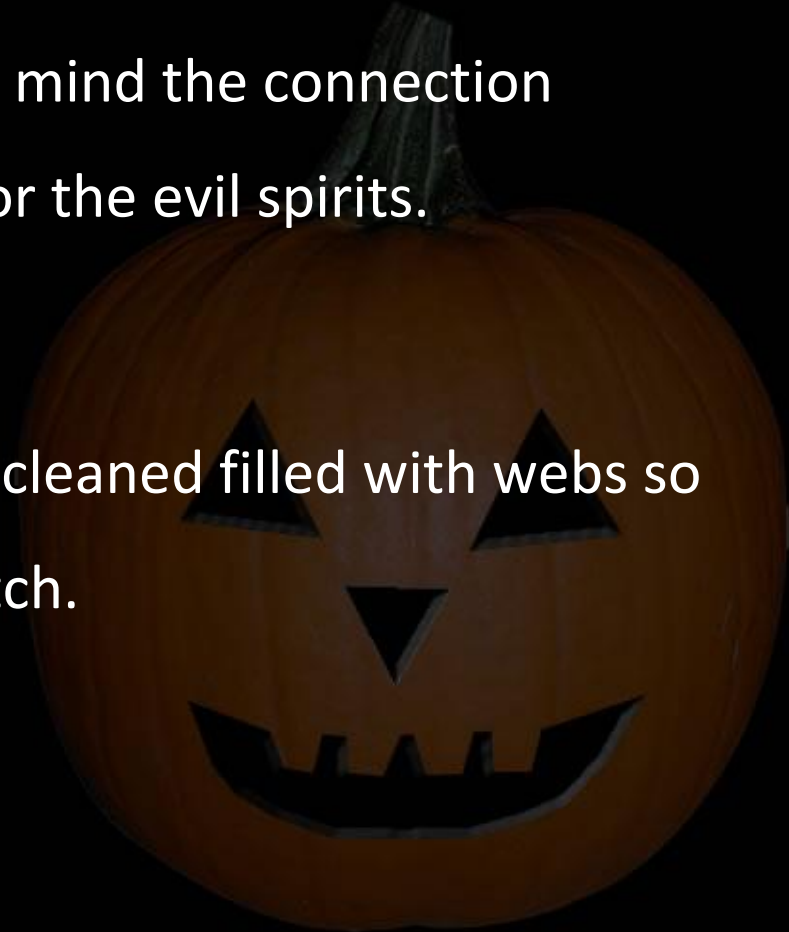


## The Symbol of a Witch:

Also the Catholic Church had a witches hunting hysteria to burn them alive. That made in the public mind the connection between a female witch and Satan or the evil spirits.

## The Symbol of a Web:

Since witches lives in old places not cleaned filled with webs so this symbol came along with the witch.





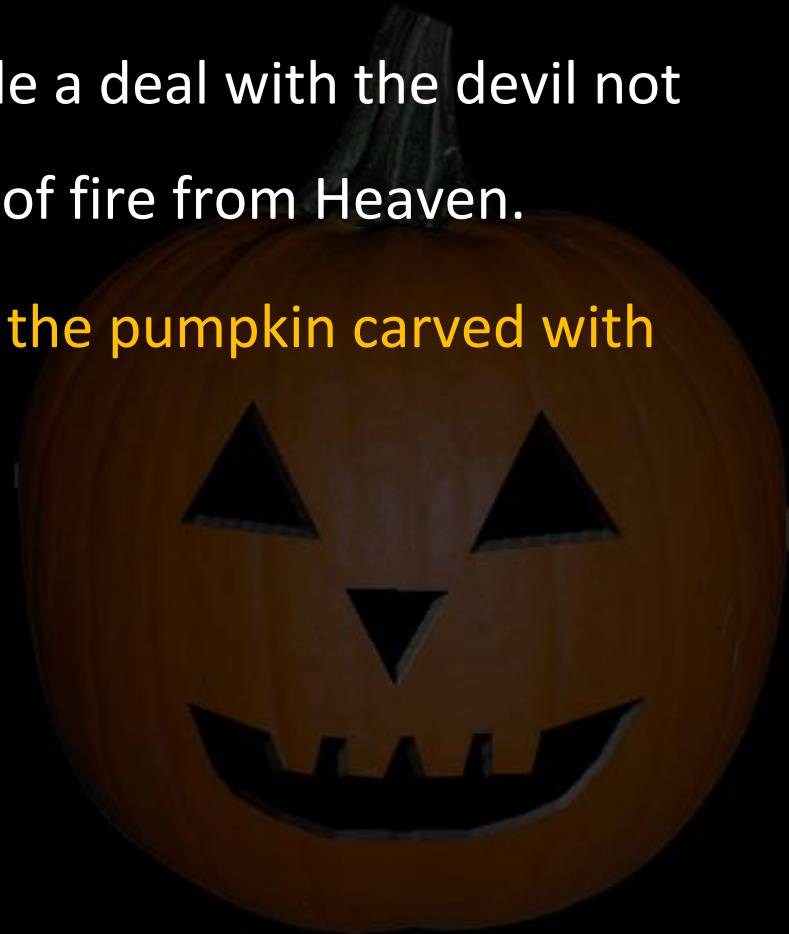
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## The Symbol of the Pumpkin:

after a while the Mask was added by the character of “John O Lantern” – a myth about a man made a deal with the devil not to go to Hell so the devil gave a ball of fire from Heaven.

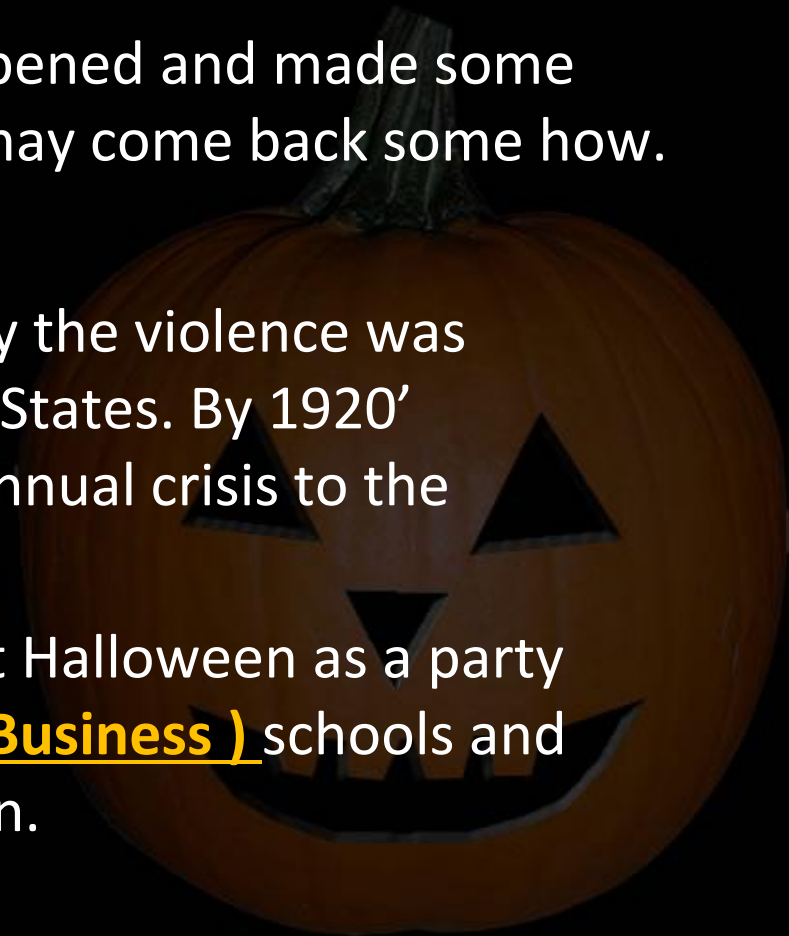
This character was the scary face or the pumpkin carved with scary face.

And so on and on.



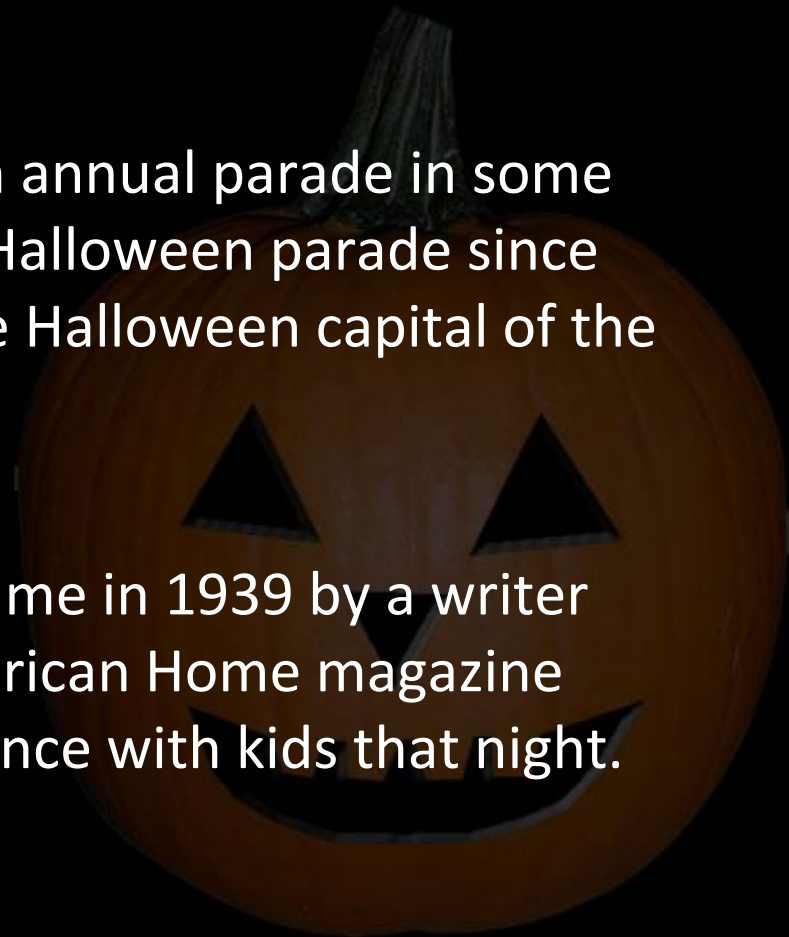
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- Then all these ideas came with the Irish and Scotch immigrants to the united States.
- After a while the civil War had happened and made some hopes to the public that the dead may come back some how.
- At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century the violence was adjoined with Halloween in United States. By 1920' Halloween night was turning into annual crisis to the authorities.
- By the 1930' Media start to present Halloween as a party night not a violent night (again to Business) schools and authorities encourage that direction.



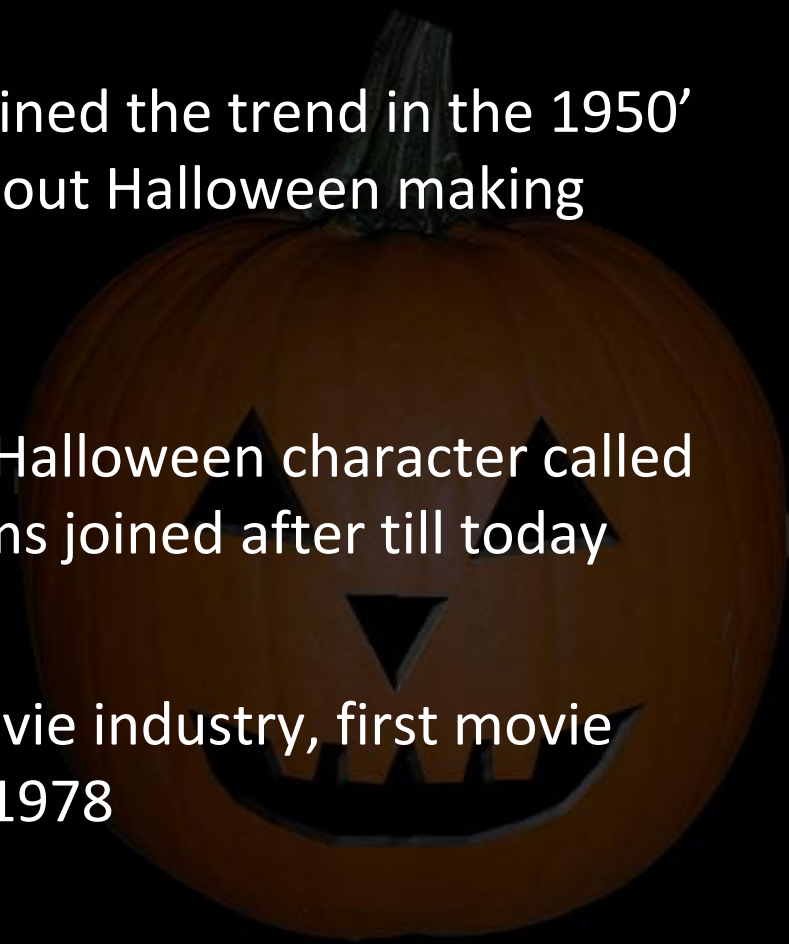
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- By then big companies start to make costumes, masks and plastic figures of Halloween believing that there is money could be made out of this occasion.
- After a while Halloween became an annual parade in some cities in the U.S - Anoka, MN held Halloween parade since 1920' till now and called herself the Halloween capital of the world.
- The phrase “ Trick or Treat “ first came in 1939 by a writer called “Doris Hudson Moss” in American Home magazine writing an article about her experience with kids that night.



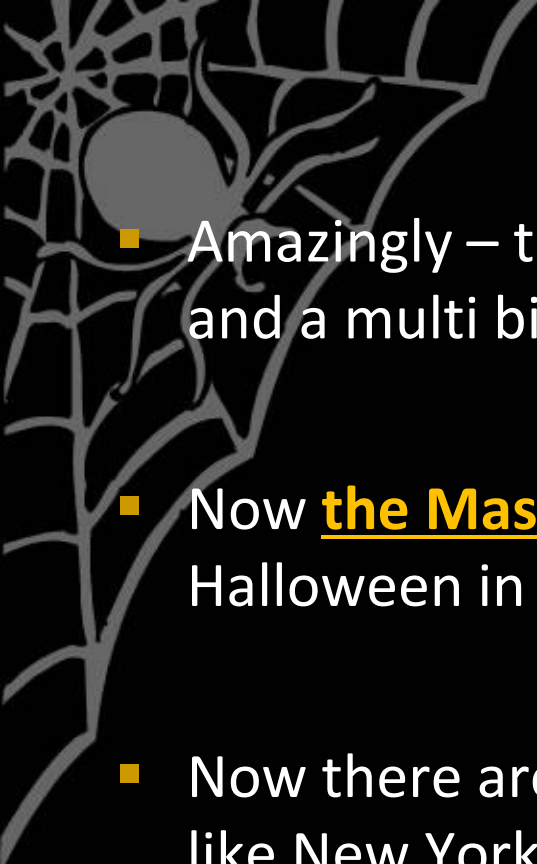
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- Now after media grouped kids into Halloween Party – Candy companies in early 1940' began to produce candy has the name, shapes and colors of Halloween.
- Then the cartoon movie industry joined the trend in the 1950' with cartoon movies for the kids about Halloween making special programs for kids.
- TV came to show too in 1960' by a Halloween character called “ Charlie Brown “ other TV programs joined after till today
- Now the last industry was adult movie industry, first movie about Halloween was produced in 1978



## تاريخ الهلويين

- Amazingly – the film came with a character wearing a mask and a multi billion industry of masks came after this movie.
- Now the Mask of any scary figure became the face of Halloween in 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- Now there are Halloween parade in the street of major cities like New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Hollywood and so on.
- Finally the Halloween now became fun for kids, adults and the whole environment around us.



## تاريخ الهلووين – تلخيص لما سبق : –

- Halloween is a pagan celebration – instead of burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities, now it is candy with a black cover or any devilish shape candy.

إحتفال وثني ولكن الكنيسة الكاثوليكية حاولت تغييره ولكن للأسف أستمر  
لكن في الليلة السابقة ليوم أول نوفمبر في السنة الميلادية .

- Related to devil-worship and druidic traditions . The gifts presented to the Celtic deities

أيضاً مقترن بعبادة الشيطان و تجميع عطايا لألهة وثنية

- It came to U S as “just for fun” for kids without any knowledge of the background. Of course it became excellent commercial occasion to sell candy, decorations and costumes.



## تاريخ الهلويين - تلخيص لما سبق : -

- October 31<sup>st</sup> (note it's the same date as the eve of the pagan feast).  
وهو نفس ليلة يوم □ نوفمبر " عيد جميع القديسين " .
- Dressing-up (mainly as evil-looking / ghoulish creatures).  
نفس فكرة الظهور بملابس تخيف الشياطين و الأرواح الرديئة .
- Involves both children and adults.  
الآن - إتسعت الفكرة لتشمل الأطفال و الكبار معاً .
- Trick أي التخويف بملابس تخيف الشياطين  
or treat أي إعطاؤهم أي شئ رمز لتقدمة إلي الألهة الوثنية
- No religious value whatsoever.  
لا توجد أي فكرة (قريبة أو بعيدة) من الديانة المسيحية .



## How we celebrate Halloween today ?

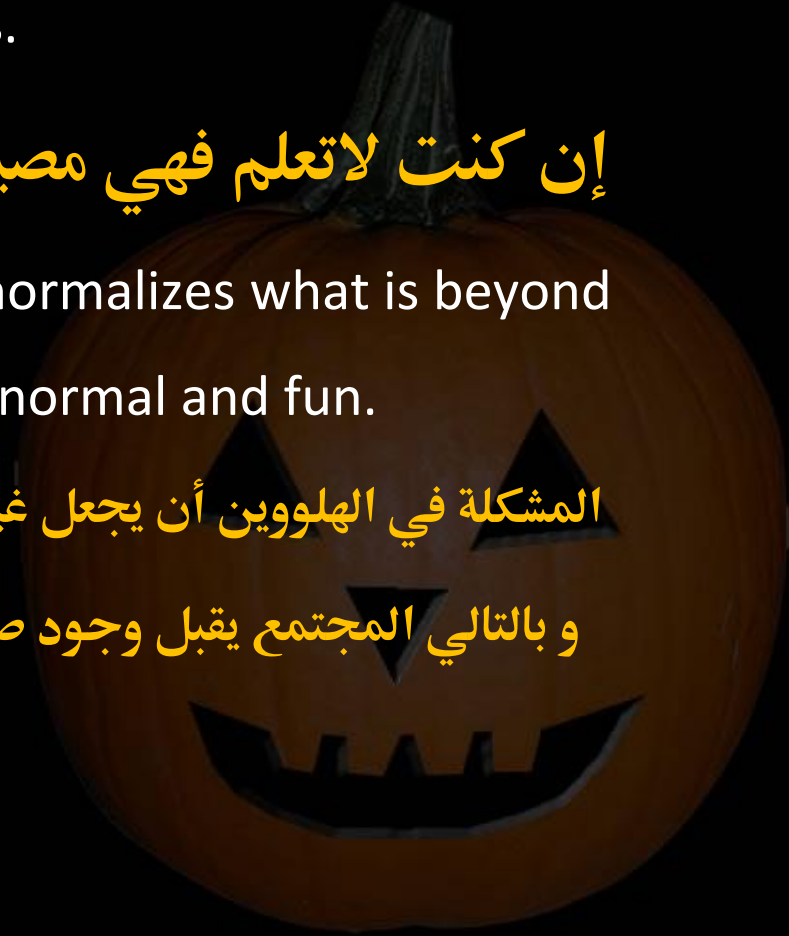
- Most people and children who participate with modern Halloween festivities, usually do so innocently, without any intention of associating with any satanic traditions.

**إن كنت لاتعلم فهي مصيبة وإن كنت تعلم إذن فهي كارثة .**

- However, the great tragedy is that it normalizes what is beyond the ordinary knowledge and makes it normal and fun.

**المشكلة في الهلويين أن يجعل غير المعروف عادي و مقبول أو مضحك أو تسلية -**

**و بالتالي المجتمع يقبل وجود صور الشر و صور الشيطان كشئ طبيعي و مقبول .**





## How we celebrate Halloween today ?

- It creates a “ **it is OK – Normal** ” attitude that the forces of evil are not to be taken seriously.

مبدأ قبول الشر كشيء عادي – نراه بصورة إعتيادية.....

- It also tends to promote **an acceptance and friendliness** toward dark traditions and occult beliefs; that Satan is not really so bad, witches are really not evil, demons are not really dangerous.

مبدأ قبول الشر كشيء عادي – صور الشيطان ليس شيء

مخيف بل صورة مضحكة و ليست خطيرة لدرجة سيئة .

## How we celebrate Halloween today ?

- Members of this occult ( أصحاب فكرة الهلويين ) and devotees are pertaining to acceptance and participation in their sacred festival.

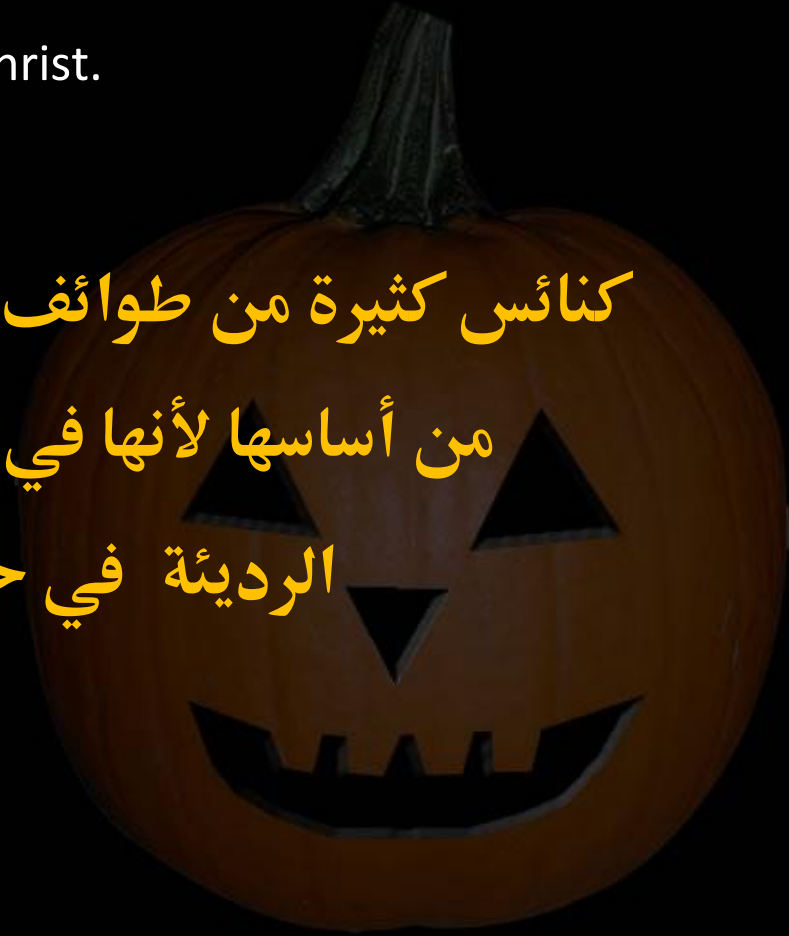
أصحاب فكرة الهلويين يريدون إنتشار الفكرة حتى يصل المجتمع  
لدرجة عالية في قبول حسي لأشكال الشر .

المجتمع اليوم أصبح في إعتياد طبيعي أن يرى أشكال ملائكة الشيطان و الموت  
بكل صورته و صور الساحرات بل و حشرات القبور في كل سنة في شهر أكتوبر  
وذلك أصبح الطبيعي و غير ذلك هو التزمت و التخلف الفكري و الكلام غير  
المتحضر و الغير مقبول سماعه أو الحديث عنه.

## How we celebrate Halloween today ?

- For these reasons, many churches oppose any participation with Halloween on the basis that its relationship to evil is contrary to our relationship with Christ.

كنايس كثيرة من طوائف متعددة يرفضون فكرة الهلويين  
من أساسها لأنها في باطنها قبول الشيطان و أعماله  
الردية في حياة المجتمع و الأسرة .



## How we celebrate Halloween today ?

- The scriptures mention nothing about Halloween,

but they do warn that a believer cannot mingle a relationship with God and the Devil : " you should have fellowship with devils " (1 Cor. 10:20)

” فلست أريد ان تكونوا انتم شركاء شياطين ” (1 Cor. 10:20)

and that we should even

"Abstain from every form of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

”إمتحنوا كل شي ءتمسكوا بالحسن وإمتنعوا عن كل شبه شر.“



## Halloween...and Christianity

- Is any holiday that glorifies death and darkness (**even in fun**) a proper thing for a Christian to do since we have been called out of darkness into His marvellous Light?
- « But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. »  
1 Peter 2:9

” و ما أنتم فجنس مختار وكهنوت ملوكي أمة مقدسة  
شعب إقتناء لكي تجربوا بفضائل الذي دعاكم  
من الظلمة إلى نوره العجيب“

# Halloween...and Christianity

- Ephesians 5:11-12: «And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. »

” ولا تشركوا في اعمال الظلمة غير المثمرة بل بالحري وبخوها.  
لان الامور الحادثة منهم ذكرها ايضا قبيح ”

- Deuteronomy 18:9-14 « do not learn to imitate detestable ways, including separatists, sorcerers and witchcraft »

” متى دخلت الارض التي يعطيك الرب الهك لا تتعلم  
ان تفعل مثل رجس اولئك الامم .....  
واما انت فلم يسمح لك الرب الهك هكذا“

# Halloween...and Christianity

- 3 John 11 « do not imitate what is evil »

”أيها الحبيب لا تتمثل بالشر بل بالخير.....  
ومن يصنع الشر فلم يبصر الله”

- Romans 13:12 « put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armed of light. »

”فلنخلع أعمال الظلمة و نلبس أسلحة النور”

Romans 13:12

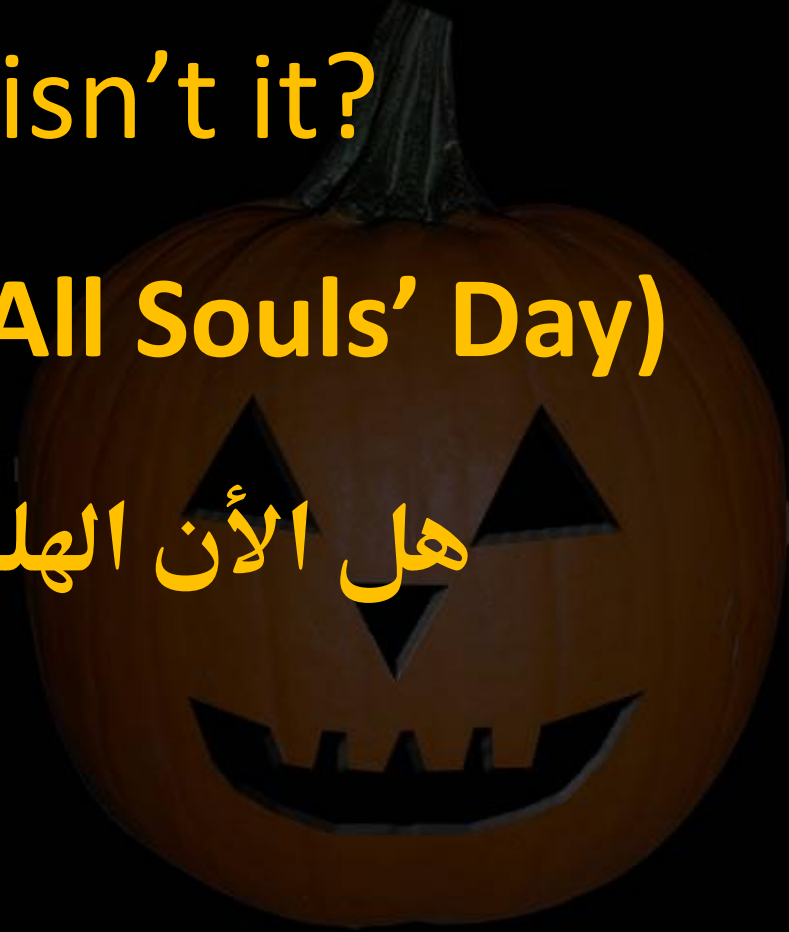


## So what?

Halloween is now a Christian  
celebration isn't it?

(All Saints' Day) - (All Souls' Day)

هل الآن الهلويين عيد مسيحي؟





## Halloween and the Coptic Church

- Do we find "All Saints' Day" in the Coptic Synaxarium?
- We celebrate Coptic Saints throughout the ENTIRE year, not on one particular day
- October 31<sup>st</sup> coincides with 2 very important feasts in our Church :

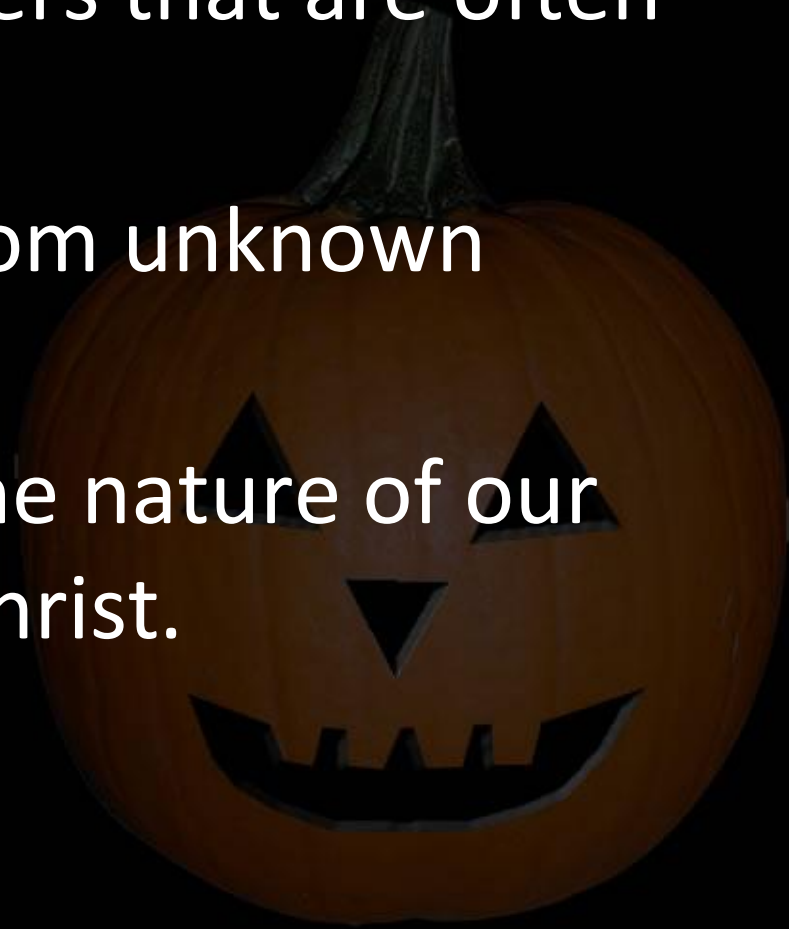
The commemoration of St Mary and the Feast of Anba Reweis.

لا يوجد عيد قبطني يسمى (عيد جميع القديسين) لسبب بسيط جداً  
الكنيسة القبطية تعيد لجميع الشهداء و القديسين على مدار السنة .

يوم □□ أكتوبر يوافق تذكارة السيدة العذراء و القديس الأنبا رويس ”

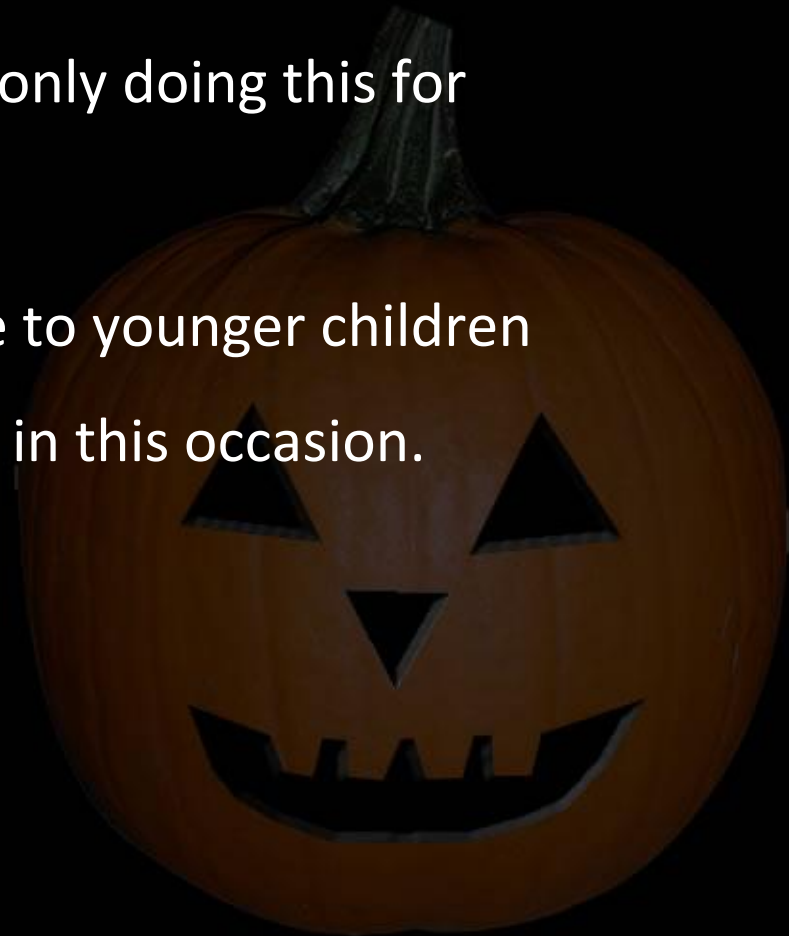
## Halloween...risks

- Vandalism / criminality
- Exposure to strangers that are often non-identifiable .
- Accepting candy from unknown people
- Activities against the nature of our relationship with Christ.



# Conclusion

- The Bible clearly warns us to flee from the practices of the evil.
- No reference in the Bible to « only doing this for fun »...
- We should set a good example to younger children and youth by not participating in this occasion.



*The End*

