CultureTalk Albania Video Transcripts: http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu Holiday Foods in Shkodër

Northern Albanian Dialect

Albanian transcript:

- 1: Ne vendin tuej cilat jane, po thona, festat apo pushimet qe ju i festoni apo celebroni me shpesh?
- 2: Festat fetare po e po, edhe festat kombetare kuptohet.
- 1: A ka ndonjifare celebrimi apo riti me keto festa? Me nji fjal, ushqim te vecante, veshje te vecante, vallezime apo grupime te vecanta?
- 2: Une per vedi, per moshen flas, mundohem cdo... sidomos Vitin e Ri, cdo tryeze e vitit te ri qe kalon une mundohem me vue dicka te re ne tavoline. Dicka qe s'e kam vue vitin tjeter, vitin e kaluem.
- 1: Po, persa i perket muzikes, cila muzike eshte e importuar, e adoptuar apo eshte muzike origjinale e vendit, ajo qe degjohet me shume, qe eshte e pranishme?
- 2: Per mue apo, ne pergjithesi?
- 1: Per ju edhe opinioni juaj ne pergjithesi. Qofte me perpara, qofte tashi.
- 2: Perpara nuk e kane thye traditen e muzikes, ka kene origjinale shkodrane, dhe shqiptare. Kurse tash asht fute gjithfare lloj muziket, e perzieme, e stilizueme si i thojne keta dmth. Kurse une per vedi i qendroj ma shume muzikes origjinale shkodrane, e paperzieme, e paperpunueme. Edhe muzika klasike gjithashtu me pelqen.
- 1: Edhe njehere do te kthehem te arti kulinar. A ka ndonje servirje apo gatim te vecante qe eshte tradicional i Shkodres, apo ndonje qe eshte i preferuari i juaji?
- 2: Shkodra ka, po s'ka. Peshkun, japraku gatuhet ne pergjithesi. Po megjithate asht, asht tradite. Peshku, japraku, mishi jahni, asht zarzavatet, lloji i gatimit, menyra e gatimit te zarzavateve. Qe Shkodra i gatuen ndrysh, nji krahine tjeter i gatuen ndrysh. I njejti zarzavat gatuhet ne disa menyra. Shkodra ka te vecante e saj, Tirana e ban specin ma shume fergese sepse asht tradite e saja. Kurse Shkodra nuk e ka perdore deri vone fergesen, por i ka ba specat e mbushun marr vetem nji lloj zarzavati...
- 1: Po, po.
- 2: Ose patlixhanat me djathe qe i perdorim na ne Shkoder shume. Ana tjeter s'i ka perdore, Tirana e andej. Nuk i kane njofte. Tashi kane shkue tue u shkembye dmth, i

perdor edhe Tirana edhe Shkodra, por flas ma perpara. Kurse gatimi i jem, gjella e preferueme deshte me thane?

- 1: Ehe.
- 2: Zarzavatet i preferoj shume, ne pergjithesi tana.
- 1: Nqs do te pershkruenit nji, ose nqs do te ftonit nji mik ne shtepine tuej cfare do te ishte dreka apo darka tipike? Thjesht mund te permendni disa emna gjellesh.
- 2: Njihere sallaten e kam te preferueme, te shumellojshme, qe e kam te paren ne tavoline. Ndonjihere edhe supen, kuptohet mandej mishi me zarzavate. Por gjithmone mishin e baj me zarzavate dhe kurre vetem mish ne pjate.

English translation:

- 1: In your place, what are the holidays or vacations that you celebrate the most?
- 2: Religious holidays are a given but also national holidays too.
- 1: Is there a type of celebration or a ritual followed with these holidays? ... meaning, special foods, special clothes, dances or get-togethers?
- 2: I myself, my age, I try every . . . especially for New Years. Every New Year's table that passes, I try to put something new in the table. Something I haven't used the last year, the year before.
- 1: What about music, what music is imported, adopted or is it traditional music that is listened to the most?
- 2: For me or everyone I general?
- 1: For you and in your opinion, in general ... be it before, or now.
- 2: Before no one broke the traditional music; it used to be original Shkodër music and Albanian music. However, now it's mixed and people listened to all types of modern music. Personally I listen to traditional music original Shkodër music. I also like classical music.
- 1: One more time I am going to come back to the culinary arts. Is there a special serving, a special plate for Shkodër or a something that you prefer?
- 2: Fish. Stuffed grape leaves are usually cooked. It's also in our tradition to cook fish, stuffed grape leaves, cooked meat, vegetables ... the way we cook the vegetables. Shkodër cooks them differently just as other regions cook them different. The same

vegetable is cooked in different ways. Shkodër has its own specialties. Tirana (Albanian Capital) cooks their peppers with a lot of *ferges* (Albanian tradition dish). Shkodër doesn't use that; however, we just cooked stuffed peppers taking....

- 1: Yes, yes.
- 2: Or eggplant with cheese, a dish which we use a lot in Shkodër. It is not used anywhere else. The rest don't know about it. Now they might because they have probably tried it. You asked what my favorite dish is.
- 1: Mhm ...
- 2: I prefer vegetables, all of them in general.
- 1: If you were to describe a dish, or if you were to have a guest over your house, what would be the typical lunch or dinner? You can just mention the names of some dishes.
- 2: I prefer salad very much, mixed and it's the first thing I bring to the table, sometimes soup, too, and later meat and vegetables. I always cook meat with vegetables and never just meat alone on the table.

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