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The names which are listed above are all found in the puzzle. They may read up, down or diagonal, backward or forward. The word "Ahtna" is circled to give you a start.

Saturnalia - December 25th ended the week-long festival of the Sun in Ancient Rome. It was called "Saturnalia" in honor of the Roman god of the harvest and plenty, Saturn. He was depicted as a merry figure feasting and celebrating in his fur-trimmed purple robe and laurel-leaved crown. Only cooks and bakers worked during this week - even soldiers were ordered to lay down their weapons. All men were declared equal - slave and free, rich and poor.

The rich gave food, money and useful objects to the poor. They in turn, gave garlands of evergreens. Wealthy Romans decorated their homes with these, and the garlands became a status symbol of generosity. In the fourth century A.D. the Church leaders chose December twenty-fifth as Christ's official birthday. A special mass was held to honor the Nativity. In England it became known as Christ's Mass and was later shortened to Christmas.

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