

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE CALENDAR

July 2017 - June 2018

NOTE 1. * Holy days usually begin at sundown the day before this date.
2. ** Local or regional customs may use a variation of this date.
See the Interfaith Calendar Home Page (<http://www.interfaith-calendar.org>) for information or definitions.

JULY 2017

- 9 Martyrdom of the Bab * - **Baha'i**
Asalha Puja Day - **Buddhist**
- 11 St. Benedict Day – **Catholic Christian**
All Saints – **Orthodox Christian**
- 13 Ulambana Obon ** - **Buddhist**
- 13-15 Obon ** - **Shinto**
- 15 St. Vladimir the Great Day – **Orthodox Christian**
- 23 Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathustra) ** - **Zoroastrian**
- 24 Pioneer Day - **Mormon Christian**
- 25 St James the Great Day - **Christian**

AUGUST 2017

- 1 Lammas - **Christian**
Lughnassad – Imbolc * - **Wicca/Pagan** (Northern & Southern Hemispheres)
Tish'a B'av * - **Jewish**
Fast in Honor of Holy Mother of Jesus – **Orthodox Christian**
- 6 Transfiguration of the Lord - **Orthodox Christian**
- 7 Raksha Bandhan ** - **Hindu**
- 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - **Catholic Christian**
Dormition of the Theotokos - **Orthodox Christian**
Krishna Janmashtami - **Hindu**
- 26-Sept 4
Paryushana Parva ** - **Jain**
- 29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist - **Christian**
- 31 Waqf al Arafa – Hajj Day * - **Islam**

SEPTEMBER 2017

- 1 Religious year begins - **Orthodox Christian**
- 1-4 Eid al Adha * - **Islam**
- 8 Nativity of Virgin Mary – **Christian**
- 14 Elevation of the Life Giving Cross (Holy Cross) - **Christian**
- 21-22 Rosh Hashanah * - **Jewish**
New Year-Hijra * - **Islam**
- 21-29 Navaratri ** - **Hindu**
- 22 Equinox
Mabon * - **Wicca/Pagan** Northern hemisphere
Ostara * - **Wicca/Pagan** Southern hemisphere
- 25 Ganesh Chaturthi ** - **Hindu**
- 27 Meskel - **Ethiopian Christian**
- 29 Michael and All Angels – **Christian**
- 30 Yom Kippur * - **Jewish**
Dasara - **Hindu**

OCTOBER 2017

- 1 Ashura * - **Islam**
- 4 Saint Francis Day – **Catholic Christian**
Blessing of the Animals – **Christian**
- 5-11 Sukkot * - **Jewish**
- 9 Thanksgiving – Canada – **Interfaith**
- 12 Shemini Atzeret * - **Jewish**
- 13 Simchat Torah * - **Jewish**
- 18 St. Luke, Apostle & Evangelist – **Christian**
- 19 Diwali - Deepavali ** - **Hindu – Sikh - Jain**
- 20 Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth - **Sikh**
Jain New Year – **Jain**
- 21 Birth of the B'ab * - **Baha'i**
- 22 Birth of Baha'u'llah * - **Baha'i**
- 28 Milvian Bridge Day – **Christian**
- 31 All Hallow's Eve - **Christian**
Reformation Day ** - **Protestant Christian**

NOVEMBER 2017

- 1 All Saints' Day - **Christian**
Samhain – Beltane * - **Wicca/Pagan** (Northern & Southern hemispheres)
- 2 All Souls Day - **Catholic Christian**
- 4 Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib - **Sikh**
- 15 Nativity Fast begins – ends Dec. 24 - **Orthodox Christian**
- 23 Thanksgiving – **Interfaith USA**
- 24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur - **Sikh**
- 26 Christ the King - **Christian**
Day of the Covenant * - **Baha'i**
- 28 Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha* - **Baha'i**
- 30 St. Andrew's Day - **Christian**

DECEMBER 2017

- 1 Mawlid an Nabi * - **Islam**
- 3-24 Advent – **Christian**
- 6 Saint Nicholas Day - **Christian**
- 8 Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) ** - **Buddhist**
Immaculate Conception of Mary - **Catholic Christian**
- 12 Feast Day - Our Lady of Guadalupe - **Catholic Christian**
- 13-20 Hanukkah * - **Jewish**
- 16-25 Posadas Navidenas – **Hispanic Christian**
- 21 Solstice
Yule - **Christian**
Yule * - **Wicca/Pagan** Northern hemisphere
Litha * - **Wicca/Pagan** Southern hemisphere
- 24 Christmas Eve – **Christian**
- 25 Christmas * - **Christian**
Feast of the Nativity ** - **Orthodox Christian**
- 26 Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra) ** - **Zoroastrian**
St. Stephen's Day – **Christian**
- 28 Holy Innocents - **Christian**
- 31 Watch Night – **Christian**
Holy Family – **Catholic Christian**

JANUARY 2018

- 1 Mary, Mother of God - **Catholic Christian**
Feast Day of St. Basil - **Orthodox Christian**
Gantan-sai (New Years) - **Shinto**
Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus – **Orthodox Christian**
- 2-4 Mahayana New Year - **Buddhist**
- 5 Twelfth Night – **Christian**
Guru Gobindh Singh birthday - **Sikh**
- 6 Epiphany - **Christian**
Feast of the Epiphany (Theophany) - **Orthodox Christian**
Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings Day) – **Christian**
Nativity of Christ – **Armenian Orthodox**
- 7 Feast of the Nativity ** – **Orthodox Christian**
Baptism of the Lord Jesus - **Christian**
- 8 Feast of the Holy Family – **Catholic Christian**
- 13 Maghi - **Sikh**
- 17 Blessing of the Animals – **Hispanic Catholic Christian**
- 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - **Christian**
- 19 Timkat –**Ethiopian Orthodox Christian**
- 21 World Religion Day - **Baha'i**
Triodion begins - **Orthodox Christian**
- 22 Vasant Panchami ** - **Hindu**
- 25 Conversion of Saint Paul – **Christian**
- 31 Tu BiShvat* - **Jewish**

FEBRUARY 2018

- 2 Candlemas - Presentation of Christ in the Temple - **Christian**
Imbolc - Lughnassad * - **Wicca/Pagan** Northern & Southern Hemispheres
Saint Brigid of Kildare - **Celtic Christian**
- 3 St. Blaze Day – **Christian**
Setsubun Sai - **Shinto**
- 4 Four Chaplains Sunday – **Interfaith**
- 8 Nirvana Day - **Buddhist**
- 11 Cheese Fare Sunday – **Orthodox Christian**
Transfiguration Sunday - **Christian**
- 12 Triodion – **Orthodox Christian**
Clean Monday–Lent begins - **Orthodox Christian**
- 13 Shrove Tuesday - **Christian**

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- 14 St. Valentine's Day - **Christian**
Maha Shivaratri ** - **Hindu**
Ash Wednesday-Lent begins - **Christian**
- 15 Nirvana Day ** - **Buddhist-Jain**
- 16 Chinese New Year – **Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist**
- 18 Orthodox Sunday - **Orthodox Christian**
- 26-Mar 1 Intercalary Days - **Baha'i**
- 28 Purim * - **Jewish**

MARCH 2018

- 1 St. David of Wales - **Christian**
- 2-20 Nineteen Day Fast * - **Baha'i**
- 3 Holi ** - **Hindu**
- 6 Meatfare Sunday - **Orthodox Christian**
- 13 L. Ron Hubbard birthday - **Scientology**
- 17 St. Patrick's Day – **Christian**
- 18 New Year ** - **Hindu**
- 18-26 Ramayana ** - **Hindu**
- 19 St. Joseph's Day – **Christian**
- 21 Equinox
Norooz (New Year) - **Persian/Zoroastrian**
Naw-Rúz (New Year) * - **Baha'i**
Ostara - Mabon* - **Wicca/Pagan** Northern and Southern Hemispheres
- 25 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – **Orthodox Christian**
Palm Sunday – **Christian**
- 26 Ramanavami ** - **Hindu**
- 28 Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathustra) ** - **Zoroastrian**
- 29 Maundy Thursday - **Christian**
- 30 Good Friday – **Christian**
- 31-Apr 7 Pesach (Passover) * - **Jewish**
- 31 Lazarus Saturday – **Orthodox Christian**
Hanuman Jayanti ** - **Hindu**
Lord's Evening Meal – **Jehovah's Witness Christian**
Magha Puja Day ** - **Buddhist**

APRIL 2018

- 1 Easter – **Christian**
Palm Sunday – **Orthodox Christian**
- 3 Mahavir Jayanti ** - **Jain**
- 6 Holy Friday – **Orthodox Christian**
- 8 Pascha (Easter) – **Orthodox Christian**
- 12 Yom HaShoah * - **Jewish**
- 13 Lailat al Miraj * - **Islam**
- 14 Baisakhi (Vaisakhi) ** - **Sikh**
- 19 Yom Ha'Atzmaut * - **Jewish**
- 21 First Day of Ridvan * - **Baha'i**
- 23 St. George's Day – **Christian**
- 29 Ninth Day of Ridvan -**Baha'i**
Visakha Puja –**Buddha Day**** -**Buddhist**
- 30 St. James the Great Day – **Orthodox Christian**
- 30-May 2 Theravadin New Year - **Buddhist**

MAY 2018

- 1 Beltane - Samhain * -**Wicca/Pagan** Northern & Southern Hemispheres
Lailat al Bara'ah * - **Islam**
- 2 Last Day of Ridvan * - **Baha'i**
- 3 Saints Philip & James – **Christian**
National Day of Prayer USA –**InterFaith**
Lag B'Omer * - **Jewish**
- 10 Ascension of Jesus – **Christian**
- 16-June 15
Ramadan * * * – **Islam**
- 17 Ascension of Jesus - **Orthodox Christian**
- 20-21 Shavuot * - **Jewish**
- 20 Pentecost – **Christians**
- 23 Declaration of the Bab * - **Baha'i**
- 27 Pentecost – **Orthodox Christian**
Trinity Sunday – **Christian**
- 29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah * - **Baha'i**
- 31 Corpus Christi - **Catholic Christian**

JUNE 2018

- 2 All Saints – **Orthodox Christian**
- 8 Sacred Heart of Jesus - **Catholic Christian**
- 9 St. Columba of Iona – **Celtic Christian**
- 11 Laylat al Kadr * - **Islam**
- 15-17 Eid al Fitr – Ramadan ends * - **Islam**
- 15 Saint Vladimir Day – **Christian**
- 16 Guru Arjan martyrdom – **Sikh**
- 19 New Church Day - **Swedenborgian Christian**
- 21 First Nations Day – **Canadian Native People**
Solstice
Litha - Yule * - **Wicca/Pagan** Northern & Southern Hemispheres
- 29 Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul - **Christian**

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