

# RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE CALENDAR

## July 2016 - June 2017

*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.  
**Bold** titles are primary holy days of a tradition  
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### JULY 2016

- 1 Lailat al Kadr \* - **Islam**
- 7-9 **Eid al Fitr** \* - **Islam**
- 9 Martyrdom of the Bab \* - **Baha'i**
- 11 St. Benedict Day – **Catholic Christian**
- 13-15 **Obon** (Ulambana) \*\* - **Buddhist-Shinto**
- 15 St. Vladimir the Great Day – **Orthodox Christian**
- 19 **Asalha Puja Day** \*\* - **Buddhist**
- 23 Birthday Emperor Haile Selassi– **Rastafari**
- 24 Pioneer Day - **Mormon Christian**
- 25 St James the Great Day - **Christian**

### AUGUST 2016

- 1 Lammas - **Christian**  
Lughnassad – Imbolc\* - **Wicca/Pagan** (Northern & Southern Hemispheres)  
Fast in Honor of Holy Mother of Lord Jesus –**Orthodox Christian**
- 5 Ganesh Chaturthi \*\* - **Hindu**
- 6 Transfiguration of the Lord - **Orthodox Christian**
- 14 Tish'a B'av \* - **Jewish**
- 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary -**Catholic Christian**  
Dormition of the Theotokis -**Orthodox Christian**
- 18 Raksha Bandhan \*\* - **Hindu**
- 25 **Krishna Janmashtami** \*\* - **Hindu**
- 29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist - **Christian**

## **SEPTEMBER 2016**

- 1 Ecclesiastical Year begins -**Orthodox Christian**
- 6-15 **Paryushana Parva \*\* - Jain**
- 8 Nativity of Virgin Mary – **Christian**
- 10 Waqf al Arafa – Hajj Day \* - **Islam**
- 11-14 **Eid al Adha \* - Islam**
- 14 Elevation of the Life Giving Cross (Holy Cross) -**Christian**
- 22 Equinox
  - Mabon \* - **Wicca/Pagan** Northern hemisphere
  - Ostara \* - **Wicca/Pagan** Southern hemisphere
- 29 Michael and All Angels – **Christian**  
Meskel- **Ethiopian Orthodox Christian**

## **OCTOBER 2016**

- 1-10 **Navaratri \*\* - Hindu**
- 2 Muharram – New Year \* -**Islam**
- 3-4 **Rosh Hashanah \* -Jewish**
- 4 Saint Francis Day – **Christian**  
Blessing of the Animals – **Christian**
- 10 Thanksgiving – Canada – **Interfaith**
- 11 **Dasara \*\* - Hindu**
- 12 Ashura \* -**Islam**  
**Yom Kippur \* - Jewish**
- 17-23 Sukkot \* - **Jewish**
- 18 St. Luke, Apostle & Evangelist – **Christian**
- 20 Birth of the B'ab - **Baha'i**  
Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth - **Sikh**
- 24 Shemini Atzeret \* -**Jewish**
- 25 Simchat Torah \* -**Jewish**
- 30 **Diwali - Deepavali \*\* - Hindu - Jain - Sikh**
- 31 All Hallow's Eve - **Christian**  
Reformation Day \*\* - **Protestant Christian**  
New Year \*\* - **Jain**

## **NOVEMBER 2016**

- 1 All Saints' Day -**Christian**  
Samhain – Beltane \* -**Wicca/Pagan** (Northern & Southern hemispheres)  
Birth of the Bab – **Baha'i**
- 2 All Souls' Day -**Catholic Christian**
- 2 Birth of Baha'u'llah \* -**Baha'i**
- 14 **Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib - Sikh**
- 15 Nativity Fast begins – ends Dec. 24 - **Orthodox Christian**
- 20 Christ the King - **Christian**
- 24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur - **Sikh**  
Thanksgiving – **Interfaith USA**
- 25 Day of the Covenant \* -**Baha'i**
- 27 Advent begins through Dec. 24 - **Christian**  
Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha\* - **Baha'i**
- 30 St. Andrew's Day - **Christian**

## **DECEMBER 2016**

- 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**  
Mawlid an Nabi \* -**Islam**
- 16-25 Posadas Navidenas – **Hispanic Christian**
- 21 Solstice  
Yule \* - **Wicca/Pagan** Northern hemisphere  
Litha \* - **Wicca/Pagan** Southern hemisphere  
Yule - **Christian**
- 24 Christmas Eve – **Christian**
- 25 **Christmas** \* -**Christian**  
**Feast of the Nativity** \*\* - **Orthodox Christian**
- 25-Jan1  
Hanukkah \* -**Jewish**
- 26 Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra) \*\* -**Zoroastrian**  
St. Stephen's Day – **Christian**
- 28 Holy Innocents -**Christian**
- 30 Holy Family – **Catholic Christian**
- 31 Watch Night –**Christian**

## JANUARY 2017

- 1 Mary, Mother of God -**Catholic Christian**  
Feast Day of St. Basil -**Orthodox Christian**  
**Gantan-sai** (New Years) -**Shinto**  
Holy Name of Jesus – **Orthodox Christian**
  
- 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 Christian**
  
- 7 **Feast of the Nativity –Orthodox Christian**
  
- 8 Baptism of the Lord Jesus - **Christian**
  
- 12-15 Mahayana New Year \*\* -**Buddhist**
  
- 13 Maghi - **Sikh**
  
- 15 World Religion Day -**Baha'i**
  
- 17 Blessing of the Animals – **Hispanic Catholic Christian**
  
- 19-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity -**Christian**
  
- 19 Triodion begins -**Orthodox Christian**  
Timkat –**Ethiopian Orthodox Christian**
  
- 25 Conversion of Saint Paul – **Christian**
  
- 28 **Chinese New Year –Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist**

## FEBRUARY 2017

- 1 Vasant Panchami \*\* -**Hindu**
  
- 2 Candlemas - Presentation of Christ in the Temple -**Christian**  
Imbolc - Lughnassad \* -**Wicca/Pagan** Northern & Southern Hemispheres  
Presentation of Christ in the Temple – **Anglican Christian**  
Saint Brigid of Kildare - **Celtic Christian**
  
- 3 St. Blaze Day – **Christian**  
Setsubun-sai (beginning of spring) \*\* -**Shinto**
  
- 5 Four Chaplains Sunday –**Interfaith**
  
- 11 Tu BiShvat\* -**Jewish**
  
- 12 Triodion – **Orthodox Christian**
  
- 14 Saint Valentine's Day -**Christian**
  
- 15 Nirvana Day \*\* -**Buddhist – Jain - Sikh**
  
- 19 Meatfare Sunday - **Orthodox Christian**

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- 25 Maha Shivaratri \*\* - **Hindu**
- 26 Cheese Fare Sunday – **Orthodox Christian**  
Transfiguration Sunday - **Christian**
- 26-March 1  
Intercalary -**Baha'i**
- 28 Shrove Tuesday –**Christian**

## **MARCH 2017**

- 1 St. David of Wales -**Christian**  
Ash Wednesday -**Christian**
- 2-20 Nineteen Day Fast \* -**Baha'i**
- 6 Orthodox Sunday -**Orthodox Christian**
- 12 Purim -**Jewish**  
**Magha Puja Day** \*\* -**Buddhist**
- 13 Holi \*\* -**Hindu**  
Hola Mohalla –**Sikh**
- 17 St Patrick's Day –**Christian**
- 19 St. Joseph's Day –**Christian**
- 20 Equinox  
Ostara \* -**Wicca/Pagan** Northern Hemisphere  
Mabon \* -**Wicca/Pagan** Southern Hemisphere
- 21 Norooz (New Year) -**Persian/Zoroastrian**  
**Naw-Rúz** (New Year) \* -**Baha'i**
- 25 Annunciation of the Virgin Mary –**Catholic Christian**
- 27 Great Lent begins – Clean Monday –**Orthodox Christian**
- 28 Hindu New Year \*\* -**Hindu**
- 28-April 5  
Ramayana \*\* -**Hindu**
- 28 Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathustra) \*\* -**Zoroastrian**

## **APRIL 2017**

- 1 Lazarus Saturday –**Orthodox Christian**
- 2 Palm Sunday – **Orthodox Christian**
- 5 Ramanavami \*\* -**Hindu**
- 9 Palm Sunday –**Christian**

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- 10 Mahavir Jayanti \*\* - **Jain**
- 11 Lord's Evening Meal –**Jehovah's Witness Christian**  
Hanuman Jayanti \*\* - **Hindu**
- 14 **Baisakhi** (Vaisakhi) \*\*-**Sikh**  
**Good Friday** –**Christian**
- 11-14 Theravadin New Year \*\* - **Buddhist**
- 11-18 **Pesach** (Passover) \* - **Jewish**
- 14 Holy Friday –**Orthodox Christian**
- 16 **Easter** –**Christian**  
**Pascha** (Easter) –**Orthodox Christian**
- 21 First Day of Ridvan \* -**Baha'i**
- 23 St. George's Day –**Christian**  
Yom HaShoah \* -**Jewish**
- 24 Lailat al Miraj \* -**Islam**
- 29 Ninth Day of Ridvan \* -**Baha'i**
- 30 St. James the Great Day – **Orthodox Christian**

## MAY 2017

- 1 **Beltane - Samhain** \* -**Wicca/Pagan** Northern & Southern Hemispheres  
Yom Ha'Atzmaut \* -**Jewish**
- 2 Twelfth Day of Ridvan \* -**Baha'i**
- 3 Saints Philip & James – **Christian**
- 4 National Day of Prayer USA –**InterFaith**
- 10 **Visakha Puja** –Buddha Day\*\* -**Buddhist**
- 12 Lailat al Bara'ah \* - **Islam**
- 14 Lag B'Omer \* -**Jewish**
- 23 **Declaration of the Bab** \* -**Baha'i**
- 25 Ascension of Jesus –**Christian**
- 27 **Ramadan** Begins \* – **Islam**
- 29 **Ascension of Baha'u'llah** \* -**Baha'i**
- 31-June 1  
Shavuot \* -**Jewish**

## **JUNE 2017**

- 4      **Pentecost –All Christians**
- 9      St. Columba of Iona – **Celtic Christian**
- 11     Trinity Sunday –**Christian**
- 15     Corpus Christi -**Catholic Christian**  
Saint Vladimir –**Christian**
- 16     Guru Arjan martyrdom –**Sikh**
- 19     New Church Day -**Swedenborgian Christian**
- 21     First Nations Day – **Canadian Native People**  
Solstice  
    Litha \* -**Wicca/Pagan** Northern Hemisphere  
    Yule \* -**Wicca/Pagan** Southern Hemisphere
- 22     Laylat al Kadr \* -**Islam**
- 23     Sacred Heart of Jesus -**Catholic Christian**
- 26-28 **Eid al Fitr \* -Islam**
- 29     Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul -**Christian**

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