

## 2025 Interfaith Calendar Holidays & Festivals

We are a human relations organization dedicated to achieving respect and understanding for all through education and dialogue. OCCJ seeks to facilitate understanding and empower individuals to create inclusive communities through dynamic diversity and inclusion programming for all ages.

Our mission is to inspire and equip Oklahomans to overcome bias, bigotry, and oppression.

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## RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL OBSERVANCES

This calendar is a resource designed to encourage public awareness of the diverse religious and ethnic groups in our community. However, because of the great number of religious, ethnic, and cultural groups who reside in the United States, we recognize that this resource cannot provide an exhaustive list for all of our faith traditions.

Many people may find the calendar helpful as it identifies opportunities for discussion about different religious and faith practices. It also serves as a reminder of those religious observances that many may wish to attend, and therefore can aid in the planning and scheduling of events and meetings.

Some civic holidays and other well known celebrations are not included.

ADVENT Period of four weeks in which Christians prepare for Christmas.

AL HIJRA (MUHARRAM) Remembrance of the migration of Muhammad (Peace be upon Him) and followers to Medina.

**ALL HALLOWS EVE (HALLOWEEN)** Also known as Samhain, the ancient Celtic festival is a celebration of the end of the harvest season. The ancient Gaels believed that on October 31st, the boundary between the living and the deceased dissolved. This day is also celebrated as the eve of All Saints Day.

ALL SAINTS DAY Celebrationoflivesofallthesaints, especially those who do not have a special day.

ALL SOULS DAY Day of prayer, remembrance and intercession for the dead.

ASCENSION DAY Celebrates Jesus' ascent into heaven.

ASCENSION OF 'ABDU'L-BAHÁ A commemoration of the Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá in 1921.

ASCENSION OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH A commemoration of the Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh in 1892.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** Begins Christian Lent; name derives from symbolic use of ashes to signify penitence.

ASHURA A one-day fast to commemorate God freeing The Children of Israel and Moses from Pharaoh.

**CORPUS CHRISTI** This is a feast in honor of the institution of the Eucharist during the Last Supper.

AYYÁM-I-HÁ/INTERCALARY DAYS This period adjusts the Bahá'í year to the solar calendar, and leads to the Nineteen-Day Fast. These are days of hospitality, charity, and gift-giving.

**BELTANE** Festival to celebrate the beginning of summer.

BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH Commemorates the Birth of the Founder of the Bahá'í Faith in 1817.

BIRTH OF THE BÁB Commemorates the Birth of one of the twin Prophet-Founders of the Bahá'í Faith in 1819.

BIRTH OF GURU GOBIND SINGH Anniversary of the birth of the tenth guru.

BODHI DAY Celebration of the enlightenment of Buddha, c. 596 B.C.E.

BUDDHA DAY (VISAKHA PUJA) Celebration of the birth of Buddha.

CHRISTMAS Celebration of the birth of Christ.

DAY OF THE COVENANT Celebration of the Covenant given in the last Will and Testament of Bahá'u'lláh.

**DECLARATION OF THE BÁB** Commemorates the Declaration of the Báb to His followers in 1844.

DIWALI (DEEPAVALI) Festival of Lights; one of four seasonal celebrations in India.

**DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS** The Orthodox Christian commemoration of the death and burial of the Virgin Mary.

EASTER Celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

**EPIPHANY** End of the 12 days of Christmas; celebrates visit of the three kings to baby Jesus; especially important to Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholics.

FEAST OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD A celebration of the holiness of Mary as the chosen bearer of Jesus.

**FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY** Commemoration of the four Chaplains of Jewish and Christian traditions who gave their life jackets to others as a ship sank in the Atlantic Ocean during World War II.

GOOD FRIDAY The Friday of Jesus' crucifixion.

**HANUKKAH** Festival of lights; eight-day commemoration of the rededication of the Second Temple in 165 B.C.E. The eight candle Menorah is lighted.

**HOLA MOHALLA** A day tocommemorate the valor and bravery of the Sikhs. This 3-day festival consists of mock battles, music and poetry reading.

**HOLI** Spring festival; a carnival occasion featuring bright colors, pilgrimages and bonfires.

HOLIKA DAHAN Celebrates the killing of Holika (the devil) by Vishnu.

**EID AL-ADHA** Festival of sacrifice; commemorates the faith of Abraham and the near sacrifice of Ishmael; as well as the Muslim Pilgrims making Haij.

EID AL-FITR Festival of the breaking of the fast of Ramadan.

IMBOLC Festival celebrating the beginning of spring.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** Day of celebrating the belief that Mary, mother of Jesus, was preserved from original sin all of her life.

**INSTALLATION OF THE GURU GRANTH SAHIB** Commemorates the installation of the Sikh scriptures by Guru Gobind Singh; these scriptures were in-stalled as the perpetual guru.

JUNETEENTH Also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, it commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery.

KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI Birthday of Lord Krishna. It falls on the 8th day of the dark half of the month of Bhadrapada (August-September). A 24-hour fast is observed on this day and is broken at midnight.

KWANZAA Seven day spiritual celebration of African-American values and traditions and their continued vitality. "Kwanzaa" is Swahili and means "first fruits of the harvest."

LAILAT AL MIRAJ Observance of Muhammad's (Peace be upon Him) night journey from Mecca to Jerusalem and his ascension to heaven.

LAILAT AL BARA'AH Night of Forgiveness. A night of prayer to Allah for forgiveness of the dead.

Preparation for Ramadan through intense prayer.



LAILAT AL-QADR Night of Destiny. First revelation of Qur'an to Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon Him). Observed during the last ten days of Ramadan.

LITHA Midsummer festival marking the summer solstice.

**LENT** Period of preparation for Easter, usually 40 days before. Clean Monday signifies the beginning of the Lenten period.

LUGHNASADH Festival celebrating the beginning of the harvest season.

MABON Harvest festival marking the autumnal equinox.

MAGHI Commemorates the battle in which 40 Sikhs (the Immortal Ones) laid down their lives for the guru (Guru Gobind Singh).

MARTYRDOM OF THE BÁB Commemorates the Martyrdom of the Báb, the Forerunner of Bahá'u'lláh, in 1850.

MARTYRDOM OF GURU ARJAN DEV Anniversary of the martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev in 1606 C. E., the fifth guru who had built the Golden Temple of Amristar.

MAUNDY THURSDAY Also known as Holy Thursday, this day celebrates the institution of the Eucharist (or Holy Communion) at Jesus' Last Supper.

 ${\bf MAWLID~AL\text{-}NABI}$  Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon Him), c. 570 C. E.

NAVARATRI Hindu Festival of the divine mother honoring Durga, wife of Shiva, and seeking her blessings. Also observed as a celebration recalling the days of Lord Krishna.

NAW-RÚZ Bahá'í and Iranian New Year.

NINETEEN-DAY FAST A fast observed by adult Bahá'ís in good health from sunrise to sundown.

NIRVANA DAY Commemorates the death of Buddha.

OSTARA Festival marking the spring equinox.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY Celebrates the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem during Passover. This also commemorates the beginning of Holy Week.

**PENTECOST** Fifty days after Easter, this time celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon early Christians following the ascension of Jesus.

**PESACH (PASSOVER)** Marks the deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt; Seder ceremonies retell the story and celebrate freedom.

## ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Dates of holidays and festivals were researched to the best of our abilities. These dates may vary depending on region and affiliation. We strive to make this resource accurate and inclusive. If you see an error or omission, please tell us (email nccj@nccjtriad.org)
- Bahá'í, Jewish, and Muslim holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date listed.
- Buddhist, Hindu, and Sikh holidays may be observed at different times
  than those indicated here. The observance dates depend on both
  religious group affiliation and region. For example, Buddha's birthday
  is one of the most widely celebrated of Buddhist holidays. However, no
  one date is accepted by all Buddhists.
- Christians follow a number of different calendars depending on their denomination and/or region. This calendar includes dates for the Gregorian (Western) calendar, which is mostly followed by the Roman Catholic Church and Protestant denominations, as well as dates for the Orthodox New Calendar, which is the same as the Gregorian calendar for fixed holidays and observances but uses the Julian calendar for moveable feasts. The Orthodox New Calendar is primarily used by the Greek and Cypriotic Orthodox Churches.

PIONEER DAY Observance of the arrival of Brigham Young and early Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) settlers in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**PURIM** Feast of Lots; celebrates the deliverance of Jews in ancient Persia from a plot to destroy them.

RACE UNITY DAY Initiated in 1957 by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States to raise awareness of the importance of racial harmony and understanding. Also known as Race Amity Day.

RAMADAN The ninth month in the Islamic calendar; 30 days of strict fasting from sunup to sundown in honor of the first revelations to the Prophet Muham-mad (Peace be upon Him).

RIDVÁN FESTIVAL Commemorates the Declaration of Bahá'u'lláh to His followers in 1863.

ROSH HASHANAH New Year; begins 10 days of penitence ending on Yom Kippur.

**SAMHAIN** Festival celebrating the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter.

**SHAVUOT** Festival of Weeks; celebrates harvest of first fruits and commemorates the giving of the Torah and Commandments at Mt' Sinai.

SHEMINI ATZERET Eighth and last day of Sukkot.

SIMCHAT TORAH Joyous festival in which the reading of the Torah is completed and its first book begun again. Symbolized by singing, dancing and marching around the synagogue with Torah scrolls.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY Day of remembrance for St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr.

SUKKOT Festival of Booths (or tabernacles) and the fall harvest.

TISHA B'AV A day of mourning and repentance in remembrance of the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem.

VAISAKHI Anniversary of the creation of the Khalsa (the army of the Pure Ones) in 1699.

**WESAK** Commemoration of Buddha's birth, enlightenment, and death, celebrated on the day of the full moon of the sixth month in the Theravada tradition.

WORLD RELIGION DAY Initiated in 1950 by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States to address the need for religious unity.

YOM HA-SHO'AH Holocaust Remembrance Day. Memorializes the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust. Observance is not limited to Jews.

YOM KIPPUR Day of Atonement; a day of prayer, fasting and repentance

- We recognize that for many Christians, the observance of days that
  commemorate the lives of saints is an integral part of their faith.
  Many of these days have not been included as part of this calendar
  because they are vast in number and observance differs greatly by
  region, denomination, and personal belief.
- Jewish dates in this calendar are generally in accordance with Orthodox tradition. The length of some holidays and extent to which they are observed vary according to denominational affiliation.
- Muslim holidays are subject to change because observance follows the lunar calendar, aligned with the phases and sightings of the
- The Sikh calendar their own Nanakshahi calendar was adopted on March 14, 1999 and aligns with the Gregorian (Western) Calendar.
- For more information on particular local or regional observances and traditions, please feel free to contact individual constituencies.

