

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE CALENDAR

July 2009 - June 2010

NOTE 1. * Means that Holy days begin at sundown the day before this date.
2. ** Regional customs, group preference or moon sightings may cause a variation of this date.
Bold titles are primary holy days of a tradition

JULY 2009

- 7 Asalha Puja Day ** -**Buddhist**
- 9 Martyrdom of the Bab * -**Baha'i**
- 11 St Benedict Day -**Catholic Christian**
- 13 Ulambana (Obon) ** -**Buddhist**
- 15 St. Vladimir's Day -**Christian**
- 19 Lailat al Miraj * ** -**Islam**
- 23 Haile Selassi I Birthday -**Rastafari**
- 24 Pioneer Day -**Mormon Christian**
- 25 St. James the Great Day -**Christian**
- 30 Tisha B'Av * -**Jewish**

AUGUST 2009

- 1 Lammas - **Christian**
Fast Day in honor of Holy Mother of Jesus –**Orthodox Christian**
- 2 Lughnassad - **Wicca/ Northern hemisphere**
Imbolc * - **Wicca/ Southern hemisphere**
Fast in honor of Holy Mother of Jesus –**Orthodox Christian**
- 5 Raksha Bandhan ** - **Hindu**
Lailat al Bara'ah * **Islam**
- 6 Transfiguration of the Lord - **Orthodox Christian**
- 14 Krishna Janmashtami ** -**Hindu**
- 15 Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary -**Catholic Christian**
Dormition of the Theotokos -**Orthodox Christian**
- 17 **Paryushana** ** - **Jain**
- 22 **Ramadan** begins* ** - **Islam**
- 23 Ganesha Chaturthi ** -**Hindu**

- 25 Assumption of Virgin Mary - **Catholic Christian**
- 29 Beheading of John the Baptist - **Christian**

SEPTEMBER 2009

- 1 Ecclesiastical Year begins -**Orthodox Christian**
- 8 Nativity of Mary -**Christian**
- 14 Elevation of the Life Giving Cross -**Christian**
- 16 Lailat al Kadr* ** -**Islam**
- 19-20 **Rosh Hashanah** * -**Jewish**
- 19-27 Navaratri ** - **Hindu**
- 20 **Eid al Fitr** * ** (Ramadan ends) -**Islam**
- 22 Equinox
Mabon* - **Wicca/Northern hemisphere**
Ostara * - **Wicca/Southern hemisphere**
- 27 Meskel –**Ethiopian/Eritrean Orthodox Christian**
- 28 **Yom Kippur** * - **Jewish**
Dasera ** -**Hindu**
- 29 Michael and All Angels - **Christian**

OCTOBER 2009

- 3-9 (3-4 Primary Obligation Days)
Sukkot * - **Jewish**
- 4 St Francis Day - **Catholic Christian**
- 10 Shemini Atzeret * -**Jewish**
- 11 Simchat Torah * -**Jewish**
- 12 Thanksgiving –**Interfaith -Canada**
- 17 **Diwali** (Deepavali) ** -**Hindu, Jain**
- 20 Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth - **Sikh**
Birth of the B'ab - **Baha'i**
- 25 Reformation Day ** - **Protestant Christian**
- 28 Milvian Bridge Day - **Christian**

31 All Hallows Eve - **Christian**

NOVEMBER 2009

- 1 All Saints' Day -**Christian**
Samhain * -**Wicca/Northern hemisphere**
Beltane * -**Wicca/Southern hemisphere**
- 2 All Souls' Day -**Catholic Christian**
Guru Nanak Dev Sahib birthday -**Sikh**
- 12 Birth of Baha'u'llah * -**Baha'i**
- 15 Nativity Fast begins (through Dec. 24) - **Orthodox Christian**
- 22 Christ the King -**Christian**
- 24 Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom - **Sikh**
- 25-28 Hajj * -**Islam**
- 26 Thanksgiving – **Interfaith - USA**
Day of Covenant * -**Baha'i**
Waqf al Arafa – Hajj Day * ** -**Islam**
- 27 **Eid al Adha** * -**Islam**
- 28 Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha * - **Baha'i**
- 29 First Sunday of Advent -**Christian**
- 30 St. Andrew's Day - **Christian**

DECEMBER 2009

- 6 Saint Nicholas Day -**Christian**
- 8 Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) ** -**Buddhist**
Immaculate Conception -**Catholic Christian**
- 12 Feast day - Our Lady of Guadalupe -**Catholic Christian**
Advent Fast begins –**Orthodox Christian**
- 12-19 Hanukkah * -**Jewish**
- 16-25 Posadas Navidenas –**Christian**
- 18 Hijra - New Year * ** -**Islam**
- 21 Solstice
Yule - **Christian**
Yule * - **Wicca/Northern hemisphere**
Litha * - **Wicca/Southern hemisphere**

- 25 **Christmas * -Christian**
- 26 Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra) ** **-Zoroastrian**
- 27 Feast of the Holy Family **-Catholic Christian**
Ashura * **-Islam**
- 28 Holy Innocents **-Christian**
- 31 Watch Night **-Christian**

JANUARY 2010

- 1 Mary, Mother of God **-Catholic Christian**
Feast of St. Basil **-Orthodox Christian**
Gantan-sai (New Years) **-Shinto**
- 5 Twelfth Night **-Christian**
- 6 Epiphany - **Christian**
Feast of the Theophany - **Orthodox Christian**
Nativity of Christ **-Armenian Christian**
Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings Day) – **Hispanic Christian**
- 7 **Nativity of Christ - Orthodox Christian**
- 10 Baptism of the Lord Jesus - **Christian**
- 14 Maghi - **Sikh**
- 17 World Religion Day * **-Baha'i**
Blessing of the Animals **-Hispanic Christian**
- 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **-Christian**
- 19 Timkat **-Ethiopian Orthodox Christian**
- 20 Vasant Panchami ** **-Hindu**
- 24 Triodion begins **-Orthodox Christian**
- 25 Conversion of Saint Paul **-Christian**
- 30-February 1
Mahayana New Year ** **-Buddhist**
- 30 Tu B'shvat* **-Jewish**

FEBRUARY 2010

- 2 Candlemas **-Christian**
Presentation of Christ in the Temple **-Anglican Christian**
Saint Brigid of Kildare **-Celtic Christian**
Imbolc - Lughnassad * **-Wicca/Northern and Southern Hemispheres**

- 3 **Setsubun Sai -Shinto**
- 7 Meatfare Sunday –**Orthodox Christian**
Four Chaplains Sunday –**Interfaith USA**
- 12 Maha Shivaratri ** -**Hindu**
- 14 **Chinese New Year -Confucian/Daoist/Buddhist**
Cheesefare Sunday - **Orthodox Christian**
St. Valentine's Day -**Christian**
Transfiguration Sunday -**Christian**
- 15 Nirvana Day ** -**Buddhist**
Great Lent - Clean Monday- **Orthodox Christian**
- 16 Shrove Tuesday –**Christian**
- 17 Ash Wednesday - Lent begins -**Christian**
- 21 Orthodox Sunday -**Orthodox Christian**
- 26 Mawlid an Nabi* ** -**Islam**
Intercalary Days through March 1 -**Baha'i**
- 28 Purim * -**Jewish**

MARCH 2010

- 1 Holi ** -**Hindu**
- 16 Vaisaki –New Year ** -**Hindu**
- 17 St Patrick's Day -**Christian**
- 20 Equinox
 Ostara * -**Wicca/Northern Hemisphere**
 Mabon * -**Wicca/Southern Hemisphere**
- 21 Norouz (New Year) -**Persian/Zoroastrian**
Naw Ruz (New Year) * -Baha'i
Passion Sunday ** -**Christian**
- 24 Ramanavami ** -**Hindu**
- 25 Annunciation of the Virgin Mary -**Christian**
- 27 Lazarus Saturday –**Orthodox Christian**
- 28 Palm Sunday –**Christian/Orthodox Christian**
Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zaranhushtra) ** -**Zoroastrian**
- 29 **Mahavir Jayanti -Jain**
- 30 Lord's Evening Meal –**Jehovah's Witness Christian**

Hanuman Jayanti ** -**Hindu**
Magha Puja Day ** -**Buddhist**

30-31 **Pesach** (Passover) First two days * -**Jewish**

APRIL 2010

- 1 Maundy Thursday -**Christian**
- 2 Good (Holy) Friday –**All Christians**
- 4 **Easter –All Christians**
- 5-6 **Pesach** (Passover) final two days * -**Jewish**
- 11 Yom HaSho'ah * -**Jewish**
- 14 **Baisakhi -Sikh**
- 19 Yom Ha'Atzmaut * -**Jewish**
- 21 First Day of Ridvan * -**Baha'i**
- 23 St. George's Day -**Christian**
- 28-May 1
Theravadin New Year ** -**Buddhist**
- 29 Ninth Day of Ridvan * -**Baha'i**
- 30 St. James the Great Day -**Orthodox Christian**

MAY 2010

- 1 **Beltane - Samhain** * -**Wicca/Northern and Southern Hemispheres**
- 2 Lag B'Omer * -**Jewish**
Twelfth Day of Ridvan * -**Baha'i**
- 6 National Day of Prayer –**InterFaith USA**
- 13 Ascension of Christ -**Christian**
- 19-20 Shavuot * -**Jewish**
- 23 Pentecost – **All Christians**
Declaration of the Bab -Baha'i
- 27 **Buddha Day** - Visakha Puja ** -**Buddhist**
- 29 **Ascension of Baha'u'llah** * -**Baha'i**
- 30 Trinity Sunday -**Christian**
- 30 All Saints -**Orthodox Christian**

JUNE 2010

- 3 Corpus Christi –**Catholic Christian**
- 9 Saint Columba of Iona –**Celtic Christian**
- 11 Sacred Heart of Jesus- **Catholic Christian**
- 19 New Church Day -**Swedenborgian Christian**
- 21 Solstice
 - Litha * -**Wicca/Northern Hemisphere**
 - Yule * -**Wicca/Southern Hemisphere**
 - First Nations Day -**Canadian Native People**
- 29 Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul -**Christian**

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