

# RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE CALENDAR

## July 2011 - June 2012

*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 2011

- 1 Sacred Heart of Jesus – **Catholic Christian**
- 9 Martyrdom of the Bab \* -**Baha'i**
- 11 Saint Benedict Day -**Catholic Christian**
- 13-16 Ulambana \*\* -**Japan Buddhist**
- 15 Lailat al Bara'ah \* \*\* -**Islam**  
**Asalha Puja Day** \*\* -**Buddhist**  
Saint Vladimir Day -**Christian**
- 23 Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie I - **Rastafari**
- 24 Pioneer Day -**Mormon Christian**
- 26 St. James the Great Day – **Christian**

### AUGUST 2011

- 1 Lammas - **Christian**  
Fast in honor of Holy Mother of Lord Jesus –**Orthodox Christian**  
**Ramadan** begins\* \*\* - **Islam**
- 2 Lughnassad - Imbolc \* - **Wicca/Pagan** Northern and Southern hemispheres
- 6 Transfiguration of the Lord - **Orthodox Christian**
- 9 Tisha B'Av \* -**Jewish**
- 13 Raksha Bandhan \*\* - **Hindu**
- 13-15 Obon \*\* - **Shinto**
- 15 Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary -**Catholic Christian**  
Dormition of the Theotokos -**Orthodox Christian**
- 22 **Krishna Janmashtami** \*\* -**Hindu**
- 26 Lailat al Kadr\* \*\* -**Islam**
- 29 Beheading of John the Baptist - **Christian**
- 31 **Eid al Fitr** \* \*\* -**Islam**

## **SEPTEMBER 2011**

- 1 Ganesha Chaturthi \*\* -**Hindu**  
Ecclesiastical New Year -**Orthodox Christian**
- 2-10 **Paryushana Parva -Jain**
- 8 Nativity of Mary -**Christian**
- 14 Elevation of the Life Giving Cross – Holy Cross Day -**Christian**
- 23 Equinox  
Mabon\* - **Wicca/Pagan** Northern hemisphere  
Ostara \* - **Wicca/Pagan** Southern hemisphere
- 27 Meskel - **Ethiopian Orthodox Christian**
- 28-Oct 5 **Navaratri \*\* - Hindu**
- 29-30 **Rosh Hashanah \* -Jewish**
- 29 Michael and All Angels - **Christian**

## **OCTOBER 2011**

- 4 St Francis Day - **Catholic Christian**
- 5 Waqf al Arafa - Hajj Day \* \*\* - **Islam**
- 6 Dussehra -**Hindu**
- 8 **Yom Kippur \* - Jewish**
- 10 Thanksgiving –**Interfaith -Canada**
- 13-19 (13-14 Primary Obligation Days)  
Sukkot \* - **Jewish**
- 20 Birth of the B'ab \* - **Baha'i**  
Shemini Atzeret \* -**Jewish**  
Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth - **Sikh**
- 21 Simchat Torah \* -**Jewish**
- 22 New Year –**Jain**
- 25-28 Deepavali \*\* -**Hindu**
- 26 **Diwali \*\* -Hindu, Jain, Sikh**
- 28 Milvian Bridge Day -**Christian**
- 30 Reformation Day \*\* - **Protestant Christian**
- 31 All Hallows Eve -**Christian**

## **NOVEMBER 2011**

- 1 All Saints' Day -**Christian**  
**Samhain – Beltane \* -Wicca/Pagan** Northern and Southern hemispheres
- 2 All Souls' Day -**Catholic Christian**
- 4-7 Hajj \* -**Islam**
- 6 **Eid al Adha \* \*\* -Islam**
- 10 **Guru Nanak Dev Sahib birthday -Sikh**
- 12 Birth of Baha'u'llah \* -**Baha'i**
- 15 Nativity Fast begins through December 24 - **Orthodox Christian**
- 20 Christ the King -**Christian**
- 24 Thanksgiving – **Interfaith - USA**  
Gkuru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom - **Sikh**
- 26 Day of Covenant \* -**Baha'i**  
Hijra - New Year \* \*\* -**Islam**
- 27 First Sunday of Advent -**Christian**
- 30 St. Andrew's Day - **Christian**

## **DECEMBER 2011**

- 5 Ashura \* \*\* -**Islam**
- 6 Saint Nicholas Day -**Christian**
- 8 Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) \*\* -**Buddhist**  
Immaculate Conception -**Catholic Christian**
- 12 Feast day - Our Lady of Guadalupe -**Catholic Christian**
- 16 Posadas Navidenas through December 25 –**Christian**
- 21-28 Hanukkah \* -**Jewish**
- 22 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**  
Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr -**Christian**
- 28 Holy Innocents -**Christian**
- 30 Feast of the Holy Family -**Catholic Christian**
- 31 Watch Night -**Christian**

## **JANUARY 2012**

- 1 Mary, Mother of God -**Catholic Christian**  
Feast of St. Basil -**Orthodox Christian**  
**Gantan-sai** (New Years) -**Shinto**  
Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus –**Orthodox Christian**
- 5 Twelfth Night –**Christian**  
Guru Gobindh Singh birthday -**Sikh**
- 6 Epiphany - **Christian**  
Feast of the Theophany - **Orthodox Christian**  
Dia de los Reyes –**Hispanic Christian**  
Nativity of Christ –**Armenian Orthodox**
- 7 Feast of the Nativity \*\*–**Orthodox Christian**
- 8 Baptism of Jesus - **Christian**
- 9-12 Mahayana New Year \*\* -**Buddhist**
- 13 Maghi - **Sikh**
- 15 World Religion Day \* -**Baha'i**
- 17 Blessing of the Animals -**Hispanic Catholic Christian**
- 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity -**Christian**
- 20 Timkat –**Ethiopian Orthodox Christian**
- 23 **Chinese New Year** –**Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist**
- 25 Conversion of Saint Paul -**Christian**
- 28 Vasant Panchami \*\* -**Hindu**

## **FEBRUARY 2012**

- 2 Candlemas -**Christian**  
Presentation of Christ in the Temple –**Anglican Christian**  
Triodion -**Orthodox Christian**  
Imbolc - Lughnassad \* -**Wicca/Pagan** Northern and Southern Hemispheres
- 3 **Setsubun Sai** -**Shinto**

- 4 Mawlid an Nabi \* -**Islam**
- 5 Four Chaplains Sunday –**Interfaith USA**
- 8 Tu BiShvat\* -**Jewish**
- 14 Saint Valentine's Day -**Christian**
- 15 Nirvana Day \*\* -**Buddhism -Jain**
- 19 Meatfare Sunday –**Orthodox Christian**  
Transfiguration -**Christian**
- 20 Maha Shivartri -**Hindu**
- 21 Shrove Tuesday –**Christian**
- 22 Ash Wednesday - Lent begins -**Christian**
- 26-March 1  
Intercalary Days \* -**Baha'i**
- 26 Cheesefare Sunday - **Orthodox Christian**
- 27 Clean Monday- Great Lent begins - **Orthodox Christian**

## **MARCH 2012**

- 1 Saint David of Wales -**Christian**
- 2-20 Nineteen Day Fast \* - **Baha'i**
- 4 Orthodox Sunday -**Orthodox Christian**
- 8 Purim \* -**Judaism**  
**Magha Puja Day \*\* -Buddhist**  
Holi \*\* -**Hindu**
- 9 Hola Mohalla – **Sikh**
- 13 L. Ron Hubbard Birthday \*\* -**Scientology**
- 17 St Patrick's Day -**Christian**
- 19 Saint Joseph's Day -**Christian**
- 20 Equinox  
Ostara \* -**Wicca/Pagan** Northern Hemisphere  
Mabon \* -**Wicca/Pagan** Southern Hemisphere
- 21 **Naw Ruz (New Year) \* -Baha'i**  
Norouz (New Year) -**Persian/Zoroastrian**
- 23 New Year \*\* -**Hindu**

- 23-April 1 Ramayana \*\* -**Hindu**
- 25 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary -**Christian**
- 28 Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathustra) \*\* -**Zoroastrian**

## **APRIL 2012**

- 1 Palm Sunday –**Christian**  
Ramanavami -**Hindu**
- 5 Maundy Thursday -**Christian**
- 6-9 Theravadin New Year \*\* -**Buddhist**
- 6 **Good Friday –Christian**  
Lord’s Evening Meal –**Jehovah’s Witness Christians**  
Hanuman Jayanti -**Hindu**  
**Mahavir Jayanti \*\* -Jain**
- 7-14 **Pesach (Passover) \* -Jewish**
- 7 Lazarus Saturday –**Orthodox Christian**
- 8 **Easter –Christian**  
Palm Sunday –**Orthodox Christian**
- 13 Holy Friday –**Orthodox Christian**
- 14 **Baisakhi New Year-Sikh**
- 15 **Easter/Pascha - Orthodox Christian**
- 19 Yom HaShoah \* - **Judaism**
- 21 First Day of Ridvan \* -**Baha'i**
- 23 St. George Day –**Christian**
- 27 Yom Ha'Atzmaut \* -**Jewish**
- 29 Ninth Day of Ridvan \* -**Baha'i**
- 30 St. James the Great Day -**Orthodox Christian**  
Lazarus Saturday –**Orthodox Christian**

## **MAY 2012**

- 1 **Beltane - Samhain \* -Wicca/Pagan** Northern and Southern Hemispheres
- 2 Twelfth Day of Ridvan \* -**Baha'i**
- 3 National Day of Prayer –**InterFaith USA**

- 6      **Visakha Puja** - Buddha Day\*\* -**Buddhist**
- 10     Lag B'Omer \* -**Jewish**
- 17     Ascension Day -**Christian**
- 23     **Declaration of the Bab** \* -**Baha'i**
- 24     All Ascension of Jesus –**Orthodox Christian**
- 27     **Pentecost** – **Christian**
- 27-28 Shavuot \* -**Jewish**
- 29     **Ascension of Baha'u'llah** \* -**Baha'i**

## **JUNE 2012**

- 3      Trinity Sunday -**Christian**  
Pentecost – **Orthodox Christian**
- 7      Corpus Christi –**Catholic Christian**
- 9      Saint Columba of Iona –**Celtic Christian**
- 10     All Saints -**Orthodox Christian**
- 15     Sacred Heart of Jesus - **Catholic Christian**
- 16     Lailat al Miraj \* \*\* -**Islam**  
Guru Arjan Dev martyrdom –**Sikh**
- 19     New Church Day -**Swedenborgian Christian**
- 21     Solstice  
Litha \* -**Wicca/Pagan** Northern Hemisphere  
Yule \* -**Wicca/Pagan** Southern Hemisphere
- 29     Saints Peter and Paul -**Christian**

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