

SIGNIFICANT RELIGIOUS COMMEMORATIONS SEPTEMBER 2004 - JUNE 2005

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SEPTEMBER

- 1st: 400th Anniversary of compilation on Holy Scriptures by 5th Guru (Sikhism)
- 6th Sri Krishna Jayanti (Hindu) Birth of Krishna
- 11th: Mi'raj-al-nabiy (Islam) Assention of Prophet into heaven (Begins sunset 10th)
Paryushana-parva (Jainism) Holiest time of year for ascetic shvetambara
- 16-17: Rosh Hashanah (Judaism) New Year 5765 (begins sundown 15th)
- 18th: Dshalakshani-parva (Jainism) 10 days of fasting and worship.
- 25th: Yom Kippur (Judaism) Day of Atonement-holiest day of year) (begins sunset 24th)
- 27th: Ananta-chatundasi (Jainism) Festival of Ten Virtues
- 28th: Dsamavani (Jainism) Jains ask forgiveness for wrongs committed
- 30th: Nisf-Sha`ban (Islam) Night of remembrance (Begins sunset 29th)
- 30th: Sukkot (Judaism) Feast of Tabernacles

OCTOBER:

- 1-7th: Sukkot (Judaism) Feast of Tabernacles
- 3rd: World Communion Sunday (Christian)
- 7th: Shemini Atzeret (Judaism) 8th Day of Sukkot
- 8th: Simhat Torah (Judaism) Rejoicing in the law (Begins sundown 7th)
- 16th: First day, Holy Month of Ramadan (Islam) A month of fasting.(Begins sunset 15th)
- 20th: Birth of the Bab (Baha'i)
Passing on of Guruship to Holy Scriptures by Guru Gobind Singh ji, 10th Guru (Silhism)

22nd: Dassehra (Hindu) Celebrates victory of good over evil.

NOVEMBER:

1st: All Saints Day (Christian)

2nd: All Souls Day (Christian)

10th: Laylat al-Qudr (Islam) Night of Power-first revelation of Quran (Begins sunset 9th)

12th: Diwali (Hindu) Festival of Lights
Farewell Friday (Islam) Last Friday of Month of Ramadan
Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)

14th: Eid-ut-Fitr (Islam) Breaking of the Fast, the end of Ramadan (Begins sunset 13th)

15th: Beginning of Advent (Eastern Christian)

21st: Solemnity of Christ the King (Christian, Roman Catholic)

25th: Thanksgiving (US Holiday)

26th: Birth of Guru Nanak , 1st Guru and founder of Sikhism. (Sikh)
Day of Covenant (Baha'i)

28th: Beginning of Advent (Western Christian)

DECEMBER

8th: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Christian, Roman Catholic)

12th: Maunajiyaras (Jainism) Day of Fasting

14th: Pongal (Hindu) Thanksgiving Day

8-15: Hanukkah (Judaism) Festival of Lights (Begins sunset 7th)

25th: Christmas (Western Christians) Birth of Jesus.

JANUARY:

1st: New Year's Day (US)
Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. (Christian, Roman Catholic)

- 6th: Epiphany (Western Christian) Magi visit Jesus
Birth of Guru Gobind Singh ji, 10th Guru (Sikhism)
- 7th: Orthodox Nativity (Eastern Christian)
- 17th: Birth of Martin Luther King Jr.
- 19th: Theophany (Eastern Christian) Epiphany of Jesus
- 21st: Eid-al Adha (Islam) Festival of Sacrifice (Begins sunset 20th)
- 25th: Tu B'Shevat (Judaism) Arbor Day

FEBRUARY:

- 8th: Shrove Tuesday (Christian) Day of Confession prior to Lent
- 9th: Ash Wednesday (Western Christian) The beginning of Lent
- 10th: First of Muharram (Islam) Celebrates Hijra of Muhammad. (Begins sunset 9th)
- 19th: Aashura (Islam) Commemorates martyrdom of Husain) (Begins sunset 18th)

MARCH:

- 4th: World Day of Prayer (Christian)
- 8th: Maha Shivaratri (Hindu) Day of fasting in honor of Lord Shiva
- 14th: Lent begins (Eastern Christian)
- 20th: Palm Sunday (Christian)
- 24th: Maundy or Holy Thursday (Western Christian)
- 25th: Good Friday (Western Christian) Crucifixion of Jesus
Purim (Judaism) Celebrates the story of Book of Esther (Begins sunset 24th)
Holi (Hindu) Festival of Colors-destruction of evil
- 27th: Easter (Western Christian) Resurrection of Jesus

APRIL

- 9th: Hindu New Year (Lunar based) April 13th (Solar based)
- 13th New Year and Khalsa Brotherhood Day (Sikhism)
- 18th: Birth of Rama (Hindu)
- 20th Beginning of Ridvan (Bahai) 12 day commemoration (1st, 9th & 12th major)
- 21st: Mawlid an Nabi (Islam) Birth of Prophet Muhammad (Begins sunset 20th)
- 22nd: Earth Day (Universal)
- 24th: Passover (Judaism) Celebrates Israelite Exodus from Egypt (Begins sunset 23rd)

MAY

- 1st: Last day of Passover (Judaism)
Pascha (Eastern Christian) Resurrection of Jesus
- 2nd: End of Ridvan (Baha'i)
- 5th: Ascension Day (Western Christian) Ascension of Jesus
- 5th: Yom Hashoah (Judaism) Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 9th Ascension (Eastern Christian) Ascension of Jesus
- 15th: Pentecost (Western Christian) Holy Spirit descends on apostles
- 22nd: Wesak: (Buddhism) Celebrates birth, enlightenment and demise of Buddha.
- 26th: Corpus Christi (Western Catholic Christian)

JUNE

- 13-14 Shavuot (Judaism) Celebrates giving of the Torah (Begins sunset 12th)
- 16th: Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev ji, 5th Guru (Sikhism)
- 19th Pentecost (Eastern Christian) Holy Spirit descends on apostles

