

DATES OF RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	OBSERVANCE	RELIGIONS
Jan. 01	Jan. 01	Jan. 01	Jan. 01	Jan. 01	Feast of St. Basil	Eastern Orthodox
Jan. 01	Jan. 01	Jan. 01	Jan. 01	Jan. 01	Solemnity of Mary	Catholic
Jan. 05	Jan. 05	Jan. 05	Jan. 05	Jan. 05	Eve of Epiphany	Eastern Orthodox
Jan. 06	Jan. 06	Jan. 06	Jan. 06	Jan. 06	Epiphany	Christian
Jan. 16	Jan. 16	Jan. 16	Jan. 16	Jan. 16	Shinran Shonin Memorial Day	Buddhist
Jan. 22	Jan. 10 Dec. 31	Dec. 20	Dec. 09	Nov. 27	Ramadan	Islamic
Feb. 02	Feb. 02	Feb. 02	Feb. 02	Feb. 02	Presentation of Christ	Eastern Orthodox
Feb. 04	Feb. 16	Feb. 08	Jan. 31	Feb. 20	Triodion begins	Eastern Orthodox
Feb. 04	Feb. 02	Feb. 08	Feb. 07	Feb. 06	Scout Sunday	Christian
Feb. 05	Jan. 23	Feb. 11	No data	No data	Tu B'Shvat	Jewish
Feb. 10	Feb. 08	Feb. 14	Feb. 13	Feb. 14	Scout Sabbath	Jewish
Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Nirvana Day	Buddhist
Feb. 17	Mar. 01	Feb. 21	Feb. 13	Mar. 04	1st Saturday of Souls	Eastern Orthodox
Feb. 18	Mar. 02	Feb. 21	Feb. 14	Mar. 05	Meat Fare	Eastern Orthodox
Feb. 20	Feb. 09	Jan. 29	Jan. 19	Jan. 08	Eid-el-fitr	Islamic
Feb. 21	Feb. 12	Feb. 25	Feb. 17	Mar. 08	Ash Wednesday	Christian
Mar. 04	Mar. 20	Mar. 11	No data	No data	Ta'anis Ester [Fast of Ester]	Jewish
Mar. 05	Mar. 23	Mar. 12	Mar. 02	Mar. 21	Purim	Jewish
Feb. 21	Feb. 09	Jan. 30	No data	No data	Shawwal	Islamic
Feb. 24	Mar. 08	Feb. 28	Feb. 20	Mar. 11	2nd Saturday of Souls	Eastern Orthodox
Feb. 26	Mar. 10	Mar. 02	Feb. 22	Mar. 13	Orthodox Lent Begins	Eastern Orthodox
Mar. 02	Mar. 15	Mar. 07	Feb. 27	Mar. 18	3rd Saturday of Souls	Eastern Orthodox
Mar. 03	Mar. 16	Mar. 08	Feb. 28	Mar. 19	Sunday of Orthodoxy	Eastern Orthodox
Mar. 04-05	Mar. 22-23	Mar 11-12	Mar. 01-02	Mar. 20-21	Purim	Jewish
Mar. 21	Mar. 21	Mar. 21	Mar. 21	Mar. 21	Higan E	Buddhist
Mar. 21	Mar. 10	Feb. 27	No data	No data	Dhu-i-Hijja - Pilgrimage	Islamic
Mar. 25	Mar. 25	Mar. 25	Mar. 25	Mar. 25	Annunciation of the Virgin Mary	Eastern Orthodox
Mar. 31	Mar. 23	Apr. 05	Mar. 28	Apr. 16	Palm Sunday	Christian
Apr. 04-11	Apr. 22-29	Apr. 11-18	Apr. 01-08	Apr. 20-27	Pesach (Passover)	Jewish
Apr. 04	Mar. 27	Apr. 09	Apr. 02	Apr. 20	Maundy Thursday	Christian
Apr. 05	Mar. 28	Apr. 10	Apr. 03	Apr. 21	Good Friday	Christian
Apr. 06	Apr. 19	Apr. 11	Apr. 03	Apr. 22	Saturday of Lazarus	Eastern Orthodox
Apr. 07	Mar. 30	Apr. 12	Apr. 04	Apr. 23	Easter Sunday	Christian
Apr. 07	Apr. 20	Apr. 12	Apr. 04	Apr. 23	Orthodox Palm Sunday	Eastern Orthodox
Apr. 08	Apr. 08	Apr. 08	Apr. 08	Apr. 08	Buddha Day	Buddhist
Apr. 12	Apr. 25	Apr. 17	Apr. 09	Apr. 28	Orthodox Holy Friday	Eastern Orthodox
Apr. 14	Apr. 27	Apr. 19	Apr. 11	Apr. 30	Orthodox Easter	Eastern Orthodox
Apr. 20	Apr. 09	Mar. 30	No data	No data	Dhu-i-Hijja - Feast of Sacrifice	Islamic
Apr. 27	Apr. 16	Apr. 06	Mar. 27	Mar. 15	Day of Arafah	Islamic
Apr. 28	Apr. 17	Apr. 07	Mar. 28	Mar. 16	Eid-al-adha	Islamic

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May 07	May 25	May 14	May 04	May 23	Lag B'Omer	Jewish
May 15	May 15	May 15	May 15	May 15	Aaronic Priesthood Commemoration	Church of Jesus Christ of LDS
May 16	May 08	May 21	May 13	Jun 01	Ascension Day	Christian
May 19	May 09	Apr. 28	Apr. 17	Apr. 06	Muharram	Islamic
May 21	May 21	May 21	May 21	May 21	Shinran Shonin Day	Buddhist
May 23	Jun. 05	May 28	May 22	Jun .08	Orthodox Ascension Day	Eastern Orthodox
May 24-25	Jun. 11-12	May 31-01	May 21-22	Jun. 08-10	Shavout	Jewish
May 26	May 18	May 31			Pentacost	Christian
May 27	May 17	May 06	Apr. 26	Apr. 15	Day of Ashura	Islamic
Jun. 01	Jun. 14	Jun. 06	May 29	Jun. 17	Saturday of Souls	Eastern Orthodox
Jun. 02	Jun. 15	Jun. 07	May 30	Jun. 18	Trinity Sunday	Christian
Jun. 02	Jun. 15	Jun. 07	May 30	Jun. 18	Orthodox Pentacost	Eastern Orthodox
Jun. 09	Jun. 22	Jun. 14	Jun 06	Jun. 25	Orthodox All Saints Day	Eastern Orthodox
Jul. 04	Jul. 22	Jul. 12	No data	No data	Fast of the 17th of Tammuz	Jewish
Jul. 15	Jul. 15	Jul. 15	Jul. 15	Jul. 15	Obon	Buddhist
Jul. 24-25	Aug. 11-12	Aug. 01-02	Jul. 21-22	Aug. 09-10	Tishah-b'Av	Jewish
Jul. 25	Aug. 12	Aug. 02	Jul. 22	Aug. 10	Fast of the 9th of Av	Jewish
Jul. 28	Jul. 17	Jul. 06	Jun. 26	Jun. 15	Prophet's Birth	Islamic
Aug. 1-14	Aug. 1-14	Aug. 1-14	Aug. 1-14	Aug. 1-14	Feast of the Virgin Mary	Eastern Orthodox
Aug. 06	Aug. 06	Aug. 06	Aug. 06	Aug. 06	Transfiguration of Christ	Eastern Orthodox
Aug. 09	Aug. 09	Aug. 09	No data	No data	Mawlid al-Nabi	Islamic
Aug. 15	Aug. 15	Aug. 15	Aug. 15	Aug. 15	Feast of the Assumption	Catholic
Aug. 15	Aug. 15	Aug. 15	Aug. 15	Aug. 15	Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary	Eastern Orthodox
Aug. 29	Aug. 29	Aug. 29	Aug. 29	Aug. 29	Beheading of John the Baptist	Eastern Orthodox
Sep. 01	Sep. 01	Sep. 01	Sep. 01	Sep. 01	Founding Day in America	Buddhist
Sep. 08	Sep. 08	Sep. 08	Sep. 08	Sep. 08	Nativity of the Virgin Mary	Eastern Orthodox
Sep. 14	Sep. 14	Sep. 14	Sep. 14	Sep. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Eastern Orthodox
Sep. 14-15	Oct. 02-03	Sep. 21-22	Sep. 11-12	Sep. 30 - Oct. 01	Rosh Hashanah	Jewish
Sep. 16	Oct. 05	Sep. 23	Sep. 13	Oct. 02	Fast of Gedalya	Jewish
Sep. 23	Oct. 11	Sep. 30	Sep. 20	Oct. 09	Yom Kippur	Jewish
Sep. 23	Sep. 23	Sep. 23	Sep. 23	Sep. 23	Higan	Buddhist
Sep. 28-04	Oct. 16-23	Oct. 05-12	Sep. 25 - Oct. 01	Oct. 14-15	Sukkot	Jewish
Oct. 05-06	Oct. 24-25	Oct. 13-14	Oct. 02-03	Oct. 16-17	Shmini Atzeret	Jewish
Nov. 01	Nov. 01	Nov. 01	Nov. 01	Nov. 01	All Saint's Day	Christian
Nov. 12	Nov. 02	Oct. 22	Oct. 11	Sep. 30	Rajab	Islamic
Nov. 21	Nov. 21	Nov. 21	Nov. 21	Nov. 21	Presentation of the Virgin Mary	Eastern Orthodox

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Dec. 01	Nov. 30	Dec. 06			First Sunday of Advent	Christian
Dec. 6-13	Dec. 24-31	Dec. 14-21	Dec. 03-10	Dec. 22-29	Hanukkah	Jewish
Dec. 08	Dec. 08	Dec. 08	Dec. 08	Dec. 08	Bodhi Day	Buddhist
Dec. 08	Dec. 08	Dec. 08	Dec. 08	Dec. 08	Immaculate Conception	Catholic
Dec. 08	Nov. 27	Nov. 16	Nov. 05	Oct. 25	Isra and Ma'raj	Islamic
Dec. 25	Dec. 25	Dec. 25	Dec. 25	Dec. 25	Christmas Day	Christian
Dec. 20	Jan. 08	Dec. 29	Dec. 18	Jan. 06	Fast of the 10th of Tevet	Jewish

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Depending on an individual's religious affiliation, there may be certain dates and religious observances that must be adhered to by the individual. This calendar is provided in an effort in helping you, the leader, become aware of religious diversity.

EASTERN ORTHODOX DATES:

According to the Eastern Orthodox Church calendar, the day begins after evening vespers at sunset and concludes with vespers on the following day. For this reason the observance of all Eastern Orthodox holy days begins at sunset on the evening before the holy day.

ISLAMIC DATES:

The Islamic calendar begins with Muharram. All Islamic dates are subject to sightings of the moon and as a result, an event may be one day earlier or later than the date listed.

JEWISH DATES:

Jewish holidays begin at sundown of the first date listed and end at nightfall of the last date listed. A religious institution has the option of celebrating Scout Sunday or Scout Sabbath at its discretion. For example, the United Methodist Church always celebrates Scout Sunday on the second Sunday in February.