2027

MULTIFAITH CALENDAR

Religious festivals and holy days throughout 2027

Baha'i · Buddhism · Christianity · Hinduism · Jainism · Judaism · Islam · Pagan / Wiccan · Rastafari · Shinto · Sikhism · Zoroastrianism

JANUARY

- **1-3 Shogatsu / Hatsumode** — Welcomes the new year with prayers and first shrine visits.
- **6 Epiphany (fixed date)** — Celebrates Christ's manifestation, with traditions emphasizing Magi or baptism.
- **7 Christmas (Julian)** — Celebrates Jesus Christ's birth on the Julian liturgical calendar.
- **15 Makar Sankranti / Pongal** — Seasonal thanksgiving honors the sun, harvest, and renewed abundance.
- **15 Guru Gobind Singh (lunar)** — Celebrates the birth of Guru Gobind Singh, tenth Sikh Guru.

FEBRUARY

- **1-2 Imbolc (Northern Hemisphere)** — Welcomes returning light and the earliest signs of spring.
- **3 Setsubun** — Seasonal rites use bean throwing to welcome good fortune.
- **7 Losar (Tibetan)** — Welcomes the Tibetan new year with prayer and renewal.
- **8 Feb-8 Mar Ramadan*~** — Begins a month of fasting, prayer, charity, and reflection.
- **10 Ash Wednesday** — Opens Lent with repentance, prayer, fasting, and charitable giving.
- **11 Vasant Panchami** — Honors Saraswati, celebrating learning, creativity, and the arrival of spring.
- **15 Parinirvana Day (Japanese)** — Remembers the Buddha's passing and entry into final nirvana.
- **21 Magha Puja (Thai)** — Commemorates the gathering of disciples and the Buddha's teachings.

MARCH

- **2-20 Baha'i Fast*** — Daily fasting encourages prayer, reflection, and renewal before Naw-Rúz.
- **6 Maha Shivaratri** — Devotional fasting and night vigils honor Shiva.
- **6 Laylat al-Qadr (27th night)*~** — Night of worship recalling the Qur'an's revelation to Muhammad.
- **9 Eid al-Fitr*~** — Celebrates Ramadan's completion through prayer, generosity, and community gatherings.
- **15 Great Lent begins (Orthodox)** — Begins the Orthodox season of repentance and preparation for Pascha.
- **20 Ostara / equinox (UTC)** — Marks spring's equinox with themes of balance and renewal.
- **21 Naw-Ruz*** — Welcomes the Bahá'í new year after the annual fasting period.
- **21 Palm Sunday (Western)** — Recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week.
- **21 Nowruz (Fasli)** — Welcomes the Fasli new year with springtime renewal and celebration.
- **22 Holi** — Welcomes spring with color, joy, and the triumph of good.
- **23 Purim*** — Celebrates Jewish deliverance in the story of Esther.
- **23-25 Hola Mohalla** — Brings together martial skills, spiritual poetry, and communal service.
- **26 Good Friday (Western)** — Remembers the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ.
- **26 Khordad Sal (Fasli)** — Honors Zarathushtra's birth and the wisdom of his teachings.
- **28 Easter (Western)** — Celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection and the promise of new life.

APRIL

- **14 Vaisakhi** — Commemorates the Khalsa's founding by Guru Gobind Singh.
- **15 Rama Navami** — Celebrates Rama's birth and his example of righteous living.
- **19 Mahavir Jayanti** — Honors Mahavira's birth as the twenty-fourth Jain Tirthankara.

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- **21 Ridvan First Day*** — Marks Bahá'u'lláh's declaration of his mission as God's messenger.
- **21 Grounation Day** — Remembers Haile Selassie I's historic visit to Jamaica.
- **22-29 Passover (Diaspora)*** — Recalls liberation from slavery in Egypt through ritual and storytelling.
- **29 Ridvan Ninth Day*** — Remembers Bahá'u'lláh's family joining him in the Garden of Ridván.
- **30 Good Friday (Orthodox)** — Remembers Christ's crucifixion through solemn prayer and liturgy.

MAY

- **1 Beltane (Northern Hemisphere)** — Celebrates life's flourishing and the beginning of the summer season.
- **2 Ridvan Twelfth Day*** — Recalls Bahá'u'lláh's departure from Ridván with his family.
- **2 Pascha (Orthodox)** — Celebrates Christ's resurrection, the central feast of Orthodox Christianity.
- **6 Ascension (Western)** — Recalls Christ's ascension to heaven forty days after Easter.
- **15 Day of Arafah*~** — Pilgrims gather at Arafat for Hajj's central day of prayer.
- **16 Pentecost (Western)** — Celebrates the Holy Spirit's descent upon the disciples.
- **16 Eid al-Adha*~** — Honors Ibrahim's devotion through sacrifice, prayer, and sharing with others.
- **20 Vesak** — Honors the Buddha's birth, awakening, and final passing.
- **24 Declaration of Bab*** — Commemorates the Báb's announcement of his mission in 1844.
- **29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah*** — Remembers Bahá'u'lláh's passing with prayer and devotional gatherings.

JUNE

- **6 Islamic New Year*~** — Begins Muharram and a new year of the Hijri calendar.
- **11-12 Shavuot (Diaspora)*** — Celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.
- **15 Ashura*~** — A day of fasting or mourning across Muslim traditions.
- **16 Guru Arjan (Nanakshahi)** — Remembers Guru Arjan's martyrdom and enduring spiritual legacy.
- **20 Pentecost (Orthodox)** — Orthodox celebration of the Holy Spirit's descent upon the apostles.
- **21 Litha / solstice (UTC)** — Celebrates the summer solstice and the year's longest daylight.
- **30 Nagoshi no Harae** — Midyear purification rites renew spiritual and communal wellbeing.

JULY

- **10 Martyrdom of Bab*** — Commemorates the execution of the Báb and his steadfast faith.
- **18 Asalha Puja (Thai)** — Recalls the Buddha's first teaching and the beginnings of the Sangha.
- **23 Haile Selassie I birthday** — Honors Haile Selassie I's birth within Rastafari communities.

AUGUST

- **1 Lughnasadh / Lammas (North)** — Gives thanks for the first harvest and the earth's abundance.
- **12 Tisha B'Av*** — A day of fasting and mourning for the destroyed Temples.
- **13-16 Obon (August observance)** — Honors departed ancestors through remembrance, offerings, and family gatherings.
- **14 Mawlid (Sunni date)*~** — Commemorates the Prophet Muhammad's birth in communities observing this occasion.
- **15 Assumption of Mary (Catholic)** — Catholic feast of Mary's being taken into heavenly glory.

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- **17 Raksha Bandhan** — Celebrates sibling affection and protection through the tying of rakhis.
- **25 Krishna Janmashtami** — Celebrates Krishna's birth with devotion, worship, and joyful festivities.
- **28 Aug-4 Sep Paryushana (India Shvetambara)** — A period of fasting, reflection, study, and renewed nonviolence.

SEPTEMBER

- **4 Ganesh Chaturthi** — Honors Ganesha's birth and his role as remover of obstacles.
- **4 Samvatsari (India Shvetambara)** — Concludes Paryushana with repentance and the seeking of mutual forgiveness.
- **23 Mabon / equinox (UTC)** — Marks autumn's equinox with harvest gratitude and reflection on balance.
- **30 Sharad Navratri begins** — Begins nine nights honoring the divine feminine in varied traditions.

OCTOBER

- **2-3 Rosh Hashanah*** — Welcomes the Jewish new year with reflection, prayer, and renewal.
- **9 Dussehra** — Celebrates the victory of good over evil in varied traditions.
- **11 Yom Kippur*** — A solemn day of atonement, fasting, and seeking forgiveness.
- **16-22 Sukkot*** — Temporary shelters recall the Israelites' wilderness journey and divine protection.
- **24 Simchat Torah (Diaspora)*** — Celebrates completing and restarting the annual cycle of Torah readings.
- **29 Diwali** — Lights and Lakshmi worship celebrate prosperity, hope, and spiritual renewal.
- **29 Jain Diwali** — Commemorates Mahavira's liberation, illuminating the path of spiritual freedom.
- **29 Bandi Chhor Divas** — Recalls Guru Hargobind's release from captivity alongside fifty-two princes.
- **30 Birth of the Bab*** — Honors the birth of the Báb, herald of the Bahá'í Faith.
- **31 Birth of Baha'u'llah*** — Celebrates the birth of Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Bahá'í Faith.
- **31 Oct-1 Nov Samhain (Northern Hemisphere)** — Honors ancestors and marks the close of the harvest season.

NOVEMBER

- **1 All Saints Day (Western)** — Honors all Christian saints, known and unknown.
- **2 Coronation Day** — Commemorates Haile Selassie I's coronation as Emperor of Ethiopia.
- **14 Guru Nanak Gurpurab** — Celebrates Guru Nanak's birth and the founding vision of Sikhism.
- **15 Shichi Go San** — Shrine visits celebrate children's growth, health, and wellbeing.
- **24 Guru Tegh Bahadur (Nanakshahi)** — Honors Guru Tegh Bahadur's martyrdom in defense of religious freedom.
- **28 Advent begins (Western)** — Begins a season of expectation and preparation for Christ's coming.

DECEMBER

- **8 Bodhi Day / Rohatsu (Japanese)** — Celebrates the Buddha's awakening beneath the Bodhi tree.
- **22 Yule / solstice (UTC)** — Marks the winter solstice and the gradual return of light.
- **25 Christmas (Gregorian)** — Celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ with worship and gathering.
- **25 Dec-1 Jan '28 Hanukkah*** — Lights commemorate the Temple's rededication and the enduring miracle of oil.
- **26 Zartosht No Diso (Fasli)** — Remembers Zarathushtra's death through prayer and reflection on his teachings.

* Begins at sunset the previous day. ~ Local dates may vary. + Concurrent observances.
Jewish: Diaspora. Hindu/Jain: India. Seasonal dates: North / UTC. Full sources and conventions accompany this calendar.

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