

# Fall 2021–Spring 2024

## RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY CALENDAR\*

HOLIDAY	COMMUNITY	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Catholic/Orthodox	Aug. 15	Aug. 15	Aug. 15
Tisha B'Av	Jewish	Aug. 18 (B-Sundown: 17) (E-Sundown: 18)	Aug. 6 (B-Sundown: 5) (E-Sundown: 6)	Aug. 27 (B-Sundown: 26) (E-Sundown: 27)
Ashura	Islamic	Aug. 19 (B-Sundown: 18) (E-Sundown: 19)	Aug. 8 (B-Sundown: 7) (E-Sundown: 8)	July 28 (B-Sundown: 27) (E-Sundown: 28)
Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu	Aug. 30	Aug. 19	Sept. 7
**Rosh Hashanah	Jewish	Sept. 7-8 (B-Sundown: 6) (E-Sundown: 8)	Sept. 26-27 (B-Sundown: 25) (E-Sundown: 27)	Sept. 16-17 (B-Sundown: 15) (E-Sundown: 17)
Ganesh Chaturthi	Hindu	Sept. 10	Aug. 31	Sept. 19
**Yom Kippur	Jewish	Sept. 16 (B-Sundown: 15) (E-Sundown: 16)	Oct. 5 (B-Sundown: 4) (E-Sundown: 5)	Sept. 25 (B-Sundown: 24) (E-Sundown: 25)
Navaratri	Hindu	Sept. 17-24	Sept. 26-Oct. 5	Oct. 15-23
Sukkot	Jewish	Sept. 21-27 (B-Sundown: 20) (E-Sundown: 27)	Oct. 10-16 (B-Sundown: 9) (E-Sundown: 16)	Sept. 30-Oct. 6 (B-Sundown: 29) (Ends-Sundown: 6)
Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah	Jewish	Sept. 28-29 (B-Sundown: 27) (E-Sundown: 29)	Oct. 17-18 (B-Sundown: 16) (E-Sundown: 18)	Oct. 7-8 (B-Sundown: 6) (E-Sundown: 8)
Dussehra	Hindu	Oct. 15	Oct. 4	Oct. 23
Gurupurab Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji (B'day)	Sikh	Oct. 20	Oct. 20	Oct. 20
Karwa Chauth	Hindu	Oct. 23-24 (B-Sundown: 23)	Oct. 12-13 (B-Sundown: 12)	Oct. 31-Nov. 1 (B & E @ noon)
Sarad Purnima	Hindu	Oct. 30	Oct. 9	Oct. 28
All Saints Day	Christian	Nov. 1	Nov. 1	Nov. 1
Diwali	Hindu/Sikh	Nov. 4	Oct. 24	Nov. 12
Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurpurab (Birthday Founder/1st Guru of Sikhism)	Sikh	Nov. 19	Nov. 8	Nov. 27
Martyrdom Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib	Sikh	Nov. 24	Nov. 24	Nov. 24
Hanukkah	Jewish	Nov. 29-Dec. 6 (B-Sundown: 28) (E-Sundown: 6)	Dec. 19-26 (B-Sundown: 18) (E-Sundown: 26)	Dec. 8-15 (B-Sundown: 7) (E-Sundown: 15)
Bodhi Day (Rohatsu)	Buddhist	Dec. 8	Dec. 8	Dec. 8
Immaculate Conception	Catholic	Dec. 8	Dec. 8	Dec. 8
Gita Jayanti	Hindu	Dec. 14	Dec. 3	Dec. 22
**Christmas	Christian	Dec. 25	Dec. 25	Dec. 25
Kwanzaa	African Spiritual	Dec. 26-Jan. 1	Dec. 26-Jan. 1	Dec. 26-Jan. 1
Mary, Mother of God / Circumcision of Christ	Christian	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1
Epiphany / Theophany / Dia de los Reyes	Christian	Jan. 6	Jan. 6	Jan. 6
Orthodox Christmas	Orthodox Christian	Jan. 7	Jan. 7	Jan. 7
Maghi-Lohri	Sikh	Jan. 13	Jan. 13	Jan. 14
Makar Sankranti	Hindu	Jan. 14	Jan. 14	Jan. 14
Guru Gobind Singh Ji Gurpurab (Birthday)	Sikh	Dec. 29 & Jan. 8	Jan. 5	Jan. 17
Lunar New Year	East Asian/Buddhist	Feb. 1	Jan. 22	Feb. 10
Vasant Panchami (Saraswati Puja)	Hindu	Feb. 4	Jan. 26	Feb. 14
Maha Shivratri	Hindu	Mar. 1	Feb. 18	Mar. 8
Ash Wednesday	Christian	Mar. 1	Feb. 22	Feb. 14
Purim	Jewish	Mar. 17 (B-Sundown: 16) (E-Sundown: 17)	Mar. 7 (B-Sundown: 6) (E-Sundown: 7)	Mar. 23 (B-Sundown: 23) (E-Sundown: 24)
Holi - Gaura Purnima	Hindu	Mar. 18	Mar. 8	Mar. 25
Holla Mohalla	Sikh	Mar. 18-19	Mar. 8-10	Mar. 25-27
Chaitra Navratri	Hindu	Apr. 2	Mar. 22-31	Apr. 17
Ramadan	Islamic	Apr. 3-May 1 (B-Sundown: 2) (E-Sundown: 1)	Mar. 23-Apr. 20 (B-Sundown: 22) (E-Sundown: 20)	Mar. 10-Apr. 9 (B-Sundown: 10) (E-Sundown: 9)
Palm Sunday	Christian	Apr. 10	Apr. 2	Mar. 24
Rama Navami	Hindu	Apr. 10	Mar. 30	Apr. 17
Holy / Maundy Thursday	Christian	Apr. 14	Apr. 6	Mar. 28
Vaisakhi (Birth of the Khalsa Panth)	Sikh	Apr. 14	Apr. 14	Apr. 13
Good Friday	Christian	Apr. 15	Apr. 7	Mar. 29
Holy Saturday	Christian	Apr. 16	Apr. 8	Mar. 30
Passover (**First Night of Passover)	Jewish	Apr. 16-23 (B-Sundown: 15) (E-Sundown: 23)	Apr. 6-13 (B-Sundown: 5) (E-Sundown: 13)	Apr. 23-30 (B-Sundown: 22) (E-Sundown: 30)
**Easter	Christian	Apr. 16	Apr. 9	Mar. 31
Guru Angad Dev Ji Gurpurab (Birthday)	Sikh	Apr. 18	Apr. 18	Apr. 18
Holy Thursday	Orthodox Christian	Apr. 21	Apr. 13	May 2
Holy Friday	Orthodox Christian	Apr. 22	Apr. 14	May 3
Holy Saturday	Orthodox Christian	Apr. 23	Apr. 15	May 5
Orthodox Easter / Pascha	Orthodox Christian	Apr. 24	Apr. 16	May 5
Yom ha-Shoah	Jewish	Apr. 28 (B-Sundown: 27) (E-Sundown: 28)	Apr. 18 (B-Sundown: 17) (E-Sundown: 18)	May 5 (B-Sundown: 4) (E-Sundown: 5)
Akshaya Tritiya	Hindu	May 2	Apr. 23	May 10
Eid al Fitr	Islamic	May 3 (B-Sundown: 2) (E-Sundown: 3)	Apr. 22 (B-Sundown: 21) (E-Sundown: 22)	Apr. 10 (B-Sundown: 9) (E-Sundown: 10)
Narasimha Jayanti	Hindu	May 14	May 4	May 22
Buddha Day	Buddhist	May 26	Apr. 8	May 15
Ascension Thursday	Christian	May 26	May 18	May 9
**Shavout	Jewish	June 5-6 (B-Sundown: 4) (E-Sundown: 6)	May 26-27 (B-Sundown: 25) (E-Sundown: 27)	June 12-13 (B-Sundown: 11) (E-Sundown: 13)
Martyrdom of Guru ArJan. Dev Sahib	Sikh	June 16	June 16	June 16
**Eid al Adha	Islamic	July 10 (B-Sundown: 9) (E-Sundown: 11)	June 29 (B-Sundown: 28) (E-Sundown: 2)	June 17 (B-Sundown: 16) (E-Sundown: 17)

**\* This is an incomplete document. We are taking care to make a comprehensive community calendar and we are continuously seeking to improve. Please feel free to reach out to us at [cssj@dickinson.edu](mailto:cssj@dickinson.edu) with any questions, concerns, or improvements.**

## CHART LEGEND

\*\* Denote holidays that per College Policy there are no campus-wide or public events scheduled.

Many religious holidays start at sundown and end at sundown. We have them noted in parentheses (B: Begins; E: Ends).

Many religious holidays are lunar dependent. We keep abreast of moon sightings.

## HOLIDAY DESCRIPTIONS

### AFRICAN SPIRITUAL

**Kwanzaa:** Honors African heritage in African-American culture.

### BUDDHIST

**Buddha Day:** Buddha's Birthday.

**Bodhi Day (Rohatsu):** Celebration of Buddha's attainment of enlightenment.

### CHRISTIAN (STANDARD WESTERN CALENDAR)

**Ash Wednesday:** The beginning of Lent; a 40 day period preceding Easter.

**Good Friday:** Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his death.

**Easter:** Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus.

**Christmas:** Celebration of the Birth of Jesus.

### HINDU

**Navaratri:** Festival of nine nights celebrating the Goddess in her various forms, most typically as Durga.

**Diwali:** Festival of lights.

**Holi:** Festival of colors and Spring and that good will be victorious over evil.

### ISLAMIC

**Ramadan:** Holy month of fasting.

**Eid al Fitr (Ramadan E):** Festival of Breaking the Fast.

**Eid al Adha:** The Festival of Sacrifice remembers Abraham's devotion in offering his son as a sacrifice.

### JEWISH

**Rosh Hashanah:** Beginning of the Jewish year and High Holy Days.

**Yom Kippur:** The Day of Atonement. Most solemn Jewish holy day. Adults fast from food and drink.

**Sukkot:** The Feast of the Tabernacles, where meals are consumed in a temporary outdoor structure.

**Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah:** The two holidays at the conclusion of Sukkot.

**Hanukkah:** Festival of Lights. Marks the victory of the Maccabees and the re-dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem.

**Purim:** Celebration of the story of Esther.

**Passover:** Festival of liberation from slavery in Egypt.

**Yom ha-Shoah:** Holocaust Remembrance Day.

**Shavout:** Commemorates the spring harvest and the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

### ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN (STANDARD EASTERN CHRISTIAN CALENDAR)

**Holy Friday:** Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.

**Orthodox Easter/Pascha:** Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus.

**Christmas:** Celebration of the Birth of Jesus (Different from the Western Christmas)

### SIKH

**Vaisakhi (Birth of the Khalsa Panth):** Vaisakhi is sometimes spelled Baisakhi. Sikh students might wish to spend with their sangat and family at a Nagar Kirtan or "Sikh day parade". A while back Humans of NY posted photos of the Sikh day parade in NYC and other such parades in cities and towns with sizeable Sikh American population. Although the parades are on weekends, the actual day may involve family wanting to be together with community/sangat and celebrating "The Birth of the Khalsa panth"

**Gurupurab:** Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti (birthday) and Guru Gobind Singh Ji Jayanti (birthday) both are significant. Sikh Guru's were incarnated until the Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji was deemed the Guru for Sikhs at the end of Guru Gobind Singh Ji's life.

**Holla Mohalla:** As more and more American colleges celebrate "Holi" they must recognize that Holi may be Indian/South Asian but it holds different meanings for Sikhs and Hindus, is celebrated differently. Although Sikh students don't need the day off it can be oppressive to see a holiday that is celebrated religiously in distinct ways from Hindus appropriated and the Sikh way of celebrating erased.

**Diwali:** Diwali is known as "Bandhi Chorr Divas" or Liberation Day for Sikhs. It is celebrated on the same day as Hindu Diwali. Sikh students may not go to class this day.