

# **DRAFT: FOR DEIC COMMISSION REVIEW**

## **2026 Interfaith Calendar of Holidays and Days of Celebration/United States National Holidays.**

### **January 2026 National Holidays/Religious Holy Days**

**January 1- U.S. New Years Day.** National Holiday.

**January 5 – Sikh.** Celebrates the birth of Guru Gobind Singh, the Sikhs' 10th master and teacher.

**January 3 – Buddhist:** Celebrates the Buddhist New Year in Mahayana traditions.

**January 7 – Coptic Orthodox Christian: Christmas**

Marks the birth of Jesus Christ according to the Julian calendar.

**January 14 – Hindu: Pongal:** Harvest festival thanking the Sun God for the agricultural abundance.

**January 19- U.S. Martin Luther King Day.** Federal Holiday

### **February 2026 National Holidays/Religious Holy Days**

**February 2 – Christian: Candelmas:** Commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the temple.

**February 15 – Buddhist: Parinirvana:** Marks the death of Buddha and his attainment of final Nirvana.

**February 15 – Hindu: Maga Shivaratri**

A major Hindu festival celebrating Lord Shiva.

**February 16 - U.S. President's Day.** National Holiday

**February 18 – Christian: Ash Wednesday:** Marks the beginning of Lent.

**February 19 – Islamic: Ramadan begins.** Holy month of fasting, prayer, and reflection.

## **March 2026 National Holidays/Religious Holy Days**

**March 4 – Hindu: Holi:** Festival of colors, celebrating the arrival of spring.

**March 4 – Sikh: Hola Mohalla:** Sikh festival featuring martial arts, poetry, and community gatherings.

**March 21 – Baha'i: New Year**

**March 21 – Islamic: Eid al Fitr:** Marks the end of Ramadan, celebrated with a feast and prayers.

## **April 2026 National Holidays/Religious Holy Days**

**April 2 – Jehovah's Witnesses:** The Memorial of Jesus' death.

**April 2-9 – Jewish: Passover**

**April 5 – Christian: Easter**

**April 12 – Greek Orthodox Easter**

**April 14 – Sikh, Hindu: Vaisakhi:** Sikh New Year

## **May 2026 National Holidays/Religious Holy Days**

**May 1 – Buddhist: Vesak:** Commemorates the birth, enlightenment, and death of Buddha.

**May 5 – Jewish: Lag BaOmer** - Marks the end of plague during Rabbi Akiva's lifetime.

**May 24 – Buddhist: Buddha's Birthday:** Celebrates the birth of Siddhartha Gautama, the founder of Buddhism.

**May 25 – Memorial Day U.S: National Holiday**

**May 27 – Islamic: Eid-al-Adha**

**May 29 – Baha’i: Ascension of Baha’u’llah**

Commemorates the passing of Baha’u’llah, the founder of the Baha’i Faith.

## **June 2026 National Holidays/Religious Holy Days**

**June 17 – Islamic: New Year**

**June 19 – Juneteenth, U.S. Federal Holiday (End of Slavery in U.S.)**

**June 26, Ashura, Islamic**

## **July 2026 National Holidays/Religious Holy Days**

**July 3 Friday U.S. Independence Day: U.S. Federal Holiday**

**July 4 Saturday Independence Day (Actual)**

**July 23 – Rastafarian: Birthday of Haile Selassie**

Celebrates the birth of the Ethiopian Emperor, revered in Rastafarianism.

**July 24 – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Pioneer Day**

Commemorates the arrival of the first Mormon pioneers in Utah.

## **August 2026 National Holidays/Religious Holy Days**

## **September 2026 National Holidays/Religious Holy Days**

**September 7 U.S. Labor Day, Federal Holiday.**

**September 11 – Coptic Orthodox Christian: Navrouz**

Marks the start of the Coptic New Year.

**September 12 - Rosh Hashana: Jewish New Year**

**September 13 - Rosh Hashana Cont’d : Jewish New Year**

**September 14 – Hindu: Ganesh Chaturthi**

Celebrates the birth of Lord Ganesh.

**September 21 – Jewish: Yom Kippur**

## **October 2026 National Holidays/Religious Holy Days**

**October 12 – U.S. Indigenous People Day (Columbus Day) Federal Holiday**

**October 17-21 – Hindu: Hurga Puja**

## **November 2026 National Holidays/Religious Holy Days**

**November 8 – Hindu: Diwali**

The festival of lights, celebrating the victory of light over darkness.

**November 10 – Baha’i: Birthday of the Bab**

Celebrates the birth of the Baha’i co-founder.

**November 11 – Veterans Day, U.S. Federal Holiday**

**November 24 – Sikh: Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib**

Honors the martyrdom of the ninth Sikh Guru.

**November 26 – Thanksgiving, National Holiday**

**November 29 – Christian: Advent**

Marks the beginning of the Christian liturgical year leading up to Christmas.

## **December 2026 National Holidays/Religious Holy Days**

**December 4 – Eastern Orthodox Christian: The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple:** Celebrates the presentation of Mary in the temple.

**December 8 – Buddhist: Bodhi Day.** Commemorates the enlightenment of Buddha.

**December 5-12 – Jewish: Hanukkah:** The Festival of Lights, celebrating the rededication of the Second Temple.

**December 24 - Christmas Eve**

**December 25 – Christmas Day Christian, U.S. National Holiday**

**December 26 – January 1, Kwanzaa: African-American**

**December 31: New Year’s Eve**

## **January 2027 National Holidays/Religious Holy Days**

**January 1: New Year's Day U.S. Federal Holiday (Friday)**

**\*Note: Uncertain if this has import:**

**Seventh Day Adventists celebrate their "Sabbath" on Saturdays. From sun-down on Friday evening to sun-down Saturday. Their faith forbids labor/employment during this period of time as well as engaging in commercial activity.**