

November 2016 MULTIFAITH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
**Local or regional customs may use a variation of this date.	* Holy days usually begin at sundown the day before this date.	1   All Saints Day Oya feast day	2  All Souls Day	3	4  Orula feast day	5
6	7	8  Elections Day	9	10	11  Veterans Day	12  Birth of Baha'u'llah
13	14  Birth of Guru Nanak	15  Shichigosan	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23   Religious Liberty Day Niinamesei	24   Thanksgiving Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji	25  Day of the Covenant	26
27  Advent	28  Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha	29	30		***This calendar uses information adapted from the Anti-Defamation League's No Place for Hate Cultural and Religious Calendar as well as the BBC's Multifaith Calendar, Interfaith Calendar's calendars, and various other sources.	

ADVENT (Christian) Period of four weeks in which Christians prepare for Christmas and meditate on the end of all time. In Western churches, the first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Christian liturgical year.

ALL SAINTS' DAY (Christian) - feast day to remember all saints and martyrs throughout Christian history

ALL SOULS' DAY (Christian) - day to commemorate the faithful departed

ASCENSION OF ABDU'L-BAHA (Baha'i) anniversary of the death of 'Abdu'l-Baha, son of Baha'u'llah, His successor, on Nov 28, 1921 in Haifa

BAHA'U'LLAH BIRTHDAY (Baha'i) - Honors birth of the founder of Baha'i faith in 1817.

DAY OF THE COVENANT (Baha'i) honors Baha'u'llah's choice of his eldest son, 'Abdu'l-Baha, as the Center of His Covenant

MARTYRDOM OF GURU TEGH BAHADUR (Sikh) mourning the death of the 9th guru of Sikhism.

NIINAME FESTIVAL (Shinto) National labor holiday in Japan. It originated as thanksgiving to the Gods of Heaven and Earth.

ORULA FEAST DAY (Santeria) Syncretized as St Francis He is the patron of babalaos, oriatas, and is the owner of the Table of Ifa. He knows all people's fates because he is there when it is decided.

OYA FEAST DAY (Santeria) Syncretized as St Theresa is the Oya who lives inside the cemetery and takes in the dead. Represents Independence, whirlwinds, tornadoes; owner of cemeteries; has connections with the dead and works/speaks with them.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DAY The anniversary of 1981 United Nations declaration on religious liberty as a fundamental human right.

SHICHIGOSAN / Seven-Five-Three Festival (Shinto) means "Seven Five Three" prayers are offered for the good health and growth of girls ages three and seven, and boys of age three and five.

THANKSGIVING DAY - varied traditions & understandings surround this holiday, a common belief is the commemoration of an autumn feast shared between American colonists and Native Americans

VETERANS' DAY Honors the U. S. Armed Services and commemorates the war dead.