

The George Washington University
Religious Holiday Calendar*

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>AY 2017-2018</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Religion</u>
First Day of Ramadan (30 days)	May 27, 2017	Friday	Islamic
Eid al Fitr	June 26, 2017	Saturday	Islamic
Krishna Janmashtami	August 14, 2017	Monday	Hindu
Eid al Adha	September 2, 2017	Saturday	Islamic
Al-Hijra (Islamic New Year)	September 22, 2017	Friday	Islamic
Rosh Hashanah	September 21-22, 2017	Thursday-Friday	Jewish
Dussehra (Dassera)	September 30, 2017	Saturday	Hindu
Yom Kippur	September 30, 2017	Saturday	Jewish
Sukkot	October 5-6, 2017	Thursday-Friday	Jewish
Shemini Atzeret	October 12, 2017	Thursday	Jewish
Simchat Torah	October 13, 2017	Friday	Jewish
Deepavali (Diwali)	October 19, 2017	Thursday	Hindu
All Saints' Day	November 1, 2017	Wednesday	Christian
Guru Nanak's Birthday	November 4, 2017	Saturday	Sikh
Mawlid-an-Nabi	December 1, 2017	Friday	Islamic
Bodhi Day	December 8, 2017	Friday	Buddhist
Immaculate Conception	December 8, 2017	Friday	Christian
Hanukkah/Chanukah	December 13-20, 2017	Wednesday-Wednesday	Jewish
Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday	December 25, 2017	Monday	Sikh
Christmas	December 25, 2017	Monday	Christian
Orthodox Christmas (Julian Calendar)	January 7, 2018	Sunday	Christian
Ash Wednesday	February 14, 2018	Wednesday	Christian
Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese New Year	February 16, 2018	Friday	n/a
Purim	March 1, 2018	Thursday	Jewish
Ram Navami	March 25, 2018	Sunday	Hindu
Palm Sunday	March 25, 2017	Sunday	Christian
Holy Thursday	March 29, 2018	Thursday	Christian
Good Friday	March 30, 2018	Friday	Christian
Pesach (Passover) - first two days	March 31-April 1, 2018	Saturday-Sunday	Jewish
Easter (Western)	April 1, 2018	Sunday	Christian
Pesach (Passover) - last two days	April 6-7, 2018	Friday-Saturday	Jewish
Easter (Eastern Orthodox)	April 8, 2018	Sunday	Christian
Vaisakhi	April 14, 2018	Saturday	Sikh
Birth of Buddha (Wesak)	**Please See Note Below		Buddhist

** The Birth of Buddha is observed on different days in different countries. The various dates are due to the numerous calendars used throughout the world. Some dates confirmed by religious leaders are May 22, and 29. According to several schools of Islamic law, which are followed by many of our Muslim students, attendance at the Friday congregational prayers is a required religious day. Although the precise time of observance varies year-to-year, it always remains within the time period of 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.