

April 2022 Observances

Eagle Dances (American Indian) 4/1/2022-4/30/2022

Pueblo peoples (Arizona) perform Eagle dances dramatizing the relationship of their communities with the Sky-World. This ceremony is observed in March and April. (Date of observance may vary according to community)

Ramadan (Islam) 4/2/2022-4/30/2022

When all adult and physically competent Muslims abstain from food, water, and sexual relations from dawn to sunset during an entire month. (1 Ramadan 1440) (Observance begins the previous sundown) (Date may vary according to sighting of the moon)

Worldwide General Conference of the Church (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) 4/2/2022-4/3/2022

This is the largest worship service for the LDS Church membership. Twice a year in five meeting sessions, senior-most Church leaders, male and female, speak to life's challenges and opportunities, applying Gospel doctrine to personal living. Conference proceedings are broadcast live with language translation via the internet and other electronic media worldwide.

Qingming (Taoism) 4/5/2022-4/5/2022

The day to honor ancestors and visit their grave sites, as well as celebrate the coming of Spring. It is also often referred to as Tomb Sweeping Day.

Hanamatsuri or Wesak (Buddhism) 4/8/2022-4/8/2022

The observance of the birth of Siddhartha Gautama, who would eventually become the historical Buddha. (Mahayana Tradition)

Palm Sunday (Anglican Christianity, Catholic Christianity, Protestant Christianity) 4/10/2022-4/10/2022
Opens Holy Week. Palms recall the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Ramnavami (Hinduism) 4/10/2022-4/10/2022

A nine-day celebration in honor of the birth of Rama. Stories from the life of Rama are narrated and religious dances, called Ramalila, depicting scenes from his life are performed.

Mahavir Jayanti (Jainism) 4/14/2022-4/14/2022

The birth day of Lord Mahavir.

Holy Thursday (Anglican Christianity, Catholic Christianity, Protestant Christianity) 4/14/2022-4/14/2022

Commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist (The Lord's Supper or Holy Communion). "Maundy" refers to the mandate (L. mandatum) Jesus gave the apostles during the foot washing to be servants.

Baisakhi (Sikhism) 4/14/2022-4/14/2022

Marks the beginning of the New Year and the formation of the Khalsa (pure) by Guru Gobind Singh.

Good Friday (Anglican Christianity, Catholic Christianity, Protestant Christianity) 4/15/2022-4/15/2022

The day of Jesus's crucifixion and burial.

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Guru Nanak's Birthday (Actual) (Sikhism) 4/15/2022-4/15/2022

By common tradition, this date is observed on the full moon day of Kartik (October-November), although the Guru's biographers record his birth on April 15, 1469 C.E. Guru Nanak Dev was the founder of Sikhism.

Yaqui Deer Dance (American Indian) 4/16/2022-4/16/2022

A ceremony which integrates ancient rites of the Yaqui people (Arizona) with the Christian Easter ceremony.

Pesach: Passover (Judaism) 4/16/2022-4/23/2022

Festival commemorating Israelite exodus from Egypt and release from bondage. The story is told during a festive meal known as the Seder, read from a book known as the Haggadah. Special dietary practices accompany the Holiday including eating no leaven, but rather Matzah (specially prepared unleavened bread). (Nisan 15-22) (Observance begins the previous sundown)

Holy Saturday (Anglican Christianity, Catholic Christianity, Protestant Christianity) 4/16/2022-4/16/2022

Evening celebration of Easter and some churches also celebrate the Christian initiation of adults.

Hanuman Jayanti (Hinduism) 4/16/2022-4/16/2022

Celebrates the birth of Hanuman the monkey, Rama's faithful servant.

Easter (Anglican Christianity, Catholic Christianity, Protestant Christianity) (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) 4/17/2022-4/17/2022

Celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Palm Sunday (Orthodox Christianity) 4/17/2022-4/17/2022

Opens Holy Week. Palms recall the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. (Observance begins the previous sundown)

Festival of Ridván (Bahá'í Faith) 4/21/2022-5/2/2022

Commemorates the 12 day period of the formal Declaration of Bahá'u'lláh to His family and followers in a garden outside Baghdad, Iraq, on the eve of His second exile in 1863 C.E. (Observance begins the previous sundown)

Good Friday (Orthodox Christianity) 4/22/2022-4/22/2022

The day of Jesus's crucifixion and burial. (Observance begins the previous sundown)

Holy Saturday (Orthodox Christianity) 4/23/2022-4/23/2022

Evening celebration of Easter and some churches also celebrate the Christian initiation of adults. (Observance begins the previous sundown)

Holy Pascha (Easter) (Orthodox Christianity) 4/24/2022-4/24/2022

Celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. (Observance begins the previous sundown)

St. Mark, Apostle and Evangelist (Anglican Christianity) 4/25/2022-4/25/2022

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Author of one of the Four Canonical Gospels.

Yom HaShoah: Holocaust Memorial Day (Judaism) 4/28/2022-4/28/2022

Commemorates the murder of six million Jews (and five million gentiles) by Hitler and the Nazi regime. (Nisan 27)

Lailatul-Qadr: Night of Power (Islam) 4/29/2022-4/29/2022

Commemorates the night when the Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. (27 Ramadan 1440) (Observance begins the previous sundown) (Date may vary according to sighting of the moon)

Maidyozarem Gahambar (Zoroastrianism) 4/30/2022-5/4/2022

A Zoroastrian mid-Spring festival in honor of the celestial universe.

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