

INTERFAITH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 14-20, 2021

Thursday, October 7—Thursday, October 14

Navaratri—(HINDUISM)—a nine-night festival that honors the Mother Goddess in all her manifestations, including Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswati. It is a festival characterized by worship and dance. The festival culminates with Dussehra, the victory of good over evil, on the tenth night.

Tuesday, October 12—Saturday, October 16

Ghambar Ayathrem—(ZOROASTRIANISM)—celebrates the creation of plants, the sowing of the winter crop, and the return of herds from pasture.

Tuesday, October 12—Wednesday, October 20

Aymbil Ori (Second Half)—(JAINISM)—is a nine-day (approximate) festival, occurring twice a year, when devout Jains undertake a special type of fasting.

Friday, October 15

'Ilm (Knowledge)—(BAHA'I)—the twelfth month.

Dessehra (Vijay Dasami)—(HINDUISM)—celebrates the victory of good over evil: of Lord Rama over the demon Ravan, and the Goddess Durga over a demon.

Monday, October 18

Mawlid al-Nabiy—(ISLAM)—is the anniversary of the birth of Prophet Muhammad. Some Muslims mark this occasion by fasting or with parades, special prayers, or conferences. Other Muslims may mark the occasion by dedicating more time to reading the Koran. (Special worship, including prayers, fasting and other observances begin at sunset and may continue till sunset of the following day, October 19.)

Tuesday, October 19

Pavarana—(BUDDHISM)—marks the end of the three months Rains Retreat for the Ordained. (Theravada)

Wednesday, October 20—Wednesday, November 17

Kathina—(BUDDHISM)—During the month after the rainy season retreat, lay people may offer the Kathina-robe as part of the general alms-giving ceremony. (Theravada)

Installation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji—(SIKHISM)—celebrates the passing on of the Guruship to the Holy Scriptures by the then Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

Month of October

Pekelanew (The Moon That Turns the Leaves White)—(ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY)—This moon brings the first frost. The leaves lose their colors and turn pale, the earth is cooling down, and the people turn their efforts to hunting. (Coast Salish)

[One of the initiatives of the Interfaith Coalition of Washington County is a weekly Interfaith calendar - a listing of upcoming events and commemorations from religious traditions around the world. We hope to raise awareness of the events and practices in the many faiths of our world. It is taken from the Multifaith Calendar 2021, www.multifaithcalendar.org. For suggestions or additional input, contact Ed Poling at elpoling1@gmail.com]