



## Christian and Muslim Festivals, 2007, 1427/1428 AH



### January, Dhul Hijja/Muharram

- 1 Circumcision of Christ; *Christian*
- 6 Epiphany (Western), Christmas Day (Armenian Orthodox), Theophany (Eastern), *Christian*
- 7 Christmas Day (Orthodox), First after Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord, *Christian*
- 18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (start)
- 20 Al-Hijra (New Year Day), *Muslim*
- 29 Ashura – 10<sup>th</sup> Day of the month of Muharram, *Muslim*

### February, Muharram/Safar

- 2 Candlemas, *Christian*
- 14 St Valentine's Day, *Christian*
- 19 Clean Monday - Beginning of Lent (Orthodox), *Christian*
- 20 Shrove Tuesday, *Christian*
- 21 Ash Wednesday, *Christian*

### March, Safar/Rabi'-ul-Awwal

- 1 St David's Day (Wales), *Christian*
- 5 St Piran's Day (Cornwall), *Christian*
- 17 St Patrick's Day (Ireland), *Christian*
- 18 Mothering Sunday, *Christian*
- 19 St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *Christian*
- 25 Annunciation (of the birth of Jesus), *Christian*
- 31 Milad-un-Nabi – Birthday of Prophet Muhammad, *Muslim*

### **April, Rabi'-ul-Awwal/Rabi'-ul-Akhir**

- 1 Palm Sunday, *Christian*
- 5 Maundy Thursday, *Christian*
- 6 Good Friday, *Christian*
- 7 Holy Saturday, *Christian*
- 8 Easter Sunday (Western), Easter (Orthodox), *Christian*
- 23 St George's Day (England, and Palestine), *Christian*

### **May, Rabi'-ul-Akhir/Jumaada-ul-Awwal**

- 17 Ascension Day, *Christian*
- 27 Pentecost (Whitsun), *Christian*

### **June, Jumaada-ul-Awwal/Jumaada-ul-Akhir**

- 3 Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day (Orthodox), *Christian*
- 7 Corpus Christi, *Christian*

### **July, Jumaada-ul-Akhir/Rajab**

- 28 Wiladat – Birthday of Imam Ali, *Muslim (Shi'a)*

### **August, Rajab/Shā'aban**

- 6 Transfiguration, *Christian*
- 11 Lailat-ul-Miraj – Journey by Night of Prophet Muhammad, *Muslim*
- 15 Dormition of the Theotokos (Orthodox), Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Western), *Christian*
- 28 Lailat-ul-Baraat - 15<sup>th</sup> Night of the month of Sha'aban, *Muslim*

### **September, Sha'aban/Ramadan**

- 8 Nativity of the Theotokos (Orthodox), Feast of the Birth of Mary (Western), *Christian*
- 13 Ramadan – Holy Month of fasting, *Muslim*

## **October, Ramadan/Shawwal**

- 1 Commemoration of Imam Ali, *Muslim (Shi'a)*
- 3 Shahadah – Martyrdom of Imam Ali, *Muslim (Shi'a)*
- 9 Lailat-ul-Qadr - Night of Power (start), *Muslim*
- 13 Eid-ul-Fitr - Festival, *Muslim*
- 31 Hallowe'en (All Hallows' Eve), *Christian*

## **November, Shawwal/Dhul Qadah**

- 1 All Saints' Day (Hallowmas, All Hallows'), *Christian*
- 2 All Souls' Day, *Christian*
- 30 St Andrew's Day (Scotland), *Christian*

## **December, Dhul Qadah/Dhul Hijja**

- 2 Advent Sunday, *Christian*
- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception, *Christian*
- 19 Yaum-ul-Arafah – Day of Hajj, *Muslim*
- 20 Eid-ul-Adha – Festival, *Muslim*
- 24 Christmas Eve, *Christian*
- 25 Christmas Day, *Christian*
- 26 St Stephen's Day, *Christian*