Happy Hazrat Ali's Birthday!

Birthday of ʿAlī ibn Abī Tālib

Islam   ah-lee ih-ben ah-bee tah-lib

Ali ibn Ali Talib [may God be pleased with him] was the son-in-law of Prophet Muhammad [peace be upon him] and is an important historical figure in Islam. His birthday is celebrated by Shia Muslims, who regard him as their first Imam and refer to him as Imam Ali or Hazrat Ali [peace be upon him]. His birthday is celebrated by all Muslims, but it is especially significant to the Shiite community who regard him as their first Imam.

Ali's birthday is a public holiday in Iran as well as the Uttar Pradesh region of India. The Shiite community celebrate with decorated mosques, prayer, and gatherings of friends and family for meals.

Date
- The birthday of ʿAlī ibn Abī Tālib is the 13th Day of Rajab on the Islamic Calendar and can vary from year to year on the Gregorian (Western) calendar.
- Check the Calendar Index for Religious Holidays during the current academic year for the exact date.

Greetings
- Wishing followers a "Happy Hazrat Ali's birthday" would be welcome.

Common Practices and Celebrations
- Shiite communities come together to decorate mosques, share Hazrat Ali's stories, and share in large meals.

Common Dietary Restrictions
- Vegetarian meals prepared without alcohol meet halal standards.

Impact to U-M Community
- Shiite colleagues and students may request to take the day off to celebrate with friends and family..
- Link to U-M Guidance Regarding Conflicts.

U-M Campus Resources
- Maize Pages - Muslim, U-M
- Association of Religious Counselors, U-M

Information Sources
- Office Holidays
- Wikipedia

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