



*Happy Ascension Day!*

# Ascension Day

Orthodox Christian

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The Christian holiday of Ascension Day, also known as the Feast of the Ascension, celebrates when Jesus ascended to heaven 40 days after Pascha (Easter). It is celebrated by Roman Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran churches. Ascension Day is observed on a Thursday. Christian Scriptures record it in Acts, Luke, and Mark.

## Date

- Ascension Day always falls on a Thursday. The date always falls on the fortieth day from Pascha. Christian Orthodox churches calculate the date according to the Julian calendar so the date usually occurs after the western observance.
- Check the [Calendar Index](#) for Religious Holidays during the current academic year for the exact date.

## Greetings

Happy Ascension Day is an appropriate greeting for someone celebrating the holiday.

## Common Practices and Celebrations

- Some attend special church services; sometimes followed by a social time.

## Impact to U-M Community

- No accommodations are likely needed.
- Link to [U-M Guidance Regarding Conflicts](#).

## U-M Campus Resources

- [Maize Christian Organizations](#), U-M
- [Association of Religious Counselors](#), U-M

## Information Sources

- [Blue Letter Bible](#), Acts 1:6-9
- [Time and Date](#)

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