



*Happy Ridván!*

# Twelfth Day of Ridván

Bahá'í

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Ridván means “paradise” in the Arabic language. The Twelfth Day of Ridván is the last day Baha'u'llah spent in the Garden of Ridván in Baghdad in 1863. It was during this time that Baha'u'llah declared His Prophetic Mission to His followers. Ridván is a joyous occasion, but the twelfth day was one of sadness.

The Twelfth Day of Ridván is one of nine holy days in the Bahá'í calendar.



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## Date

- The date varies year to year. The Bahá'í day ends and a new one begins at sunset; consequently, the day on which a Feast or Holy Day is observed begins at sunset of the day before the Gregorian calendar dates listed.
- Link to [Bahá'í calendar](#) for year/date lookup.

## Greetings

Wish someone celebrating Ridván a Happy Ridván.

## Common Practices and Celebrations

- Readings from the Tablets are read aloud or in private to mark the occasion of Ridván and to reflect on its significance to the Bahá'í community.
- Ridván is also known as the “Most Great Festival” and the “King of Festivals.”

## Common Dietary Restrictions

- Bahá'ís are asked to abstain from alcohol.
- There are no dietary restrictions.

## Impact to U-M Community

- Those observing the Bahá'í Faith suspend work and school on this holiday.
- Link to [U-M Guidance Regarding Conflicts](#).

## U-M Campus Resources

- [Maize Pages - Bahá'í](#), U-M
- [Association of Religious Counselors](#), U-M

## Information Sources

- [Bahá'í Center of Washtenaw County](#), Ann Arbor
- [Bahá'í Teachings](#)
- [Bahá'í of the United States](#)

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