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Calendar of Events
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NOTE :

This Calendar is published for the information of police officers in the execution of their duties.

2. Timings, where given, are "legal" (Palestine daylight saving time) and approximate only.
3. Moslem feasts may vary by one day or more as they depend upon the appearance of the moon.
4. All Jewish festivals commence half an hour before sunset on each previous evening and terminate half an hour after sunset on the dates shown.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS — 1943

JANUARY.

Friday 1st — New Year's Day and Feast of Circumcision (Western Churches).

Official holiday for Government officers of Western Churches.

Tuesday 5th — Eve of the Epiphany (Western Churches).

1130 hours — Basilica of the Nativity, Bethlehem — Entry of His Paternity the Custos of the Holy Land.

Wednesday 6th — Epiphany (Western Churches).

1000 hours — Church of St. Catherine (adjacent to the Basilica of the Nativity) Bethlehem — Latin Pontifical Mass.

1700 hours — Latin procession from the Church of St. Catherine to the Grotto of the Nativity in the Basilica, Bethlehem.

Official holiday for Government officers of the Western Churches.

— *Christmas Eve (Eastern Churches — Armenian Church excepted).*

0915 hours — Orthodox Patriarch leaves Jerusalem (Jaffa Gate) for Bethlehem; rests at Mar Elias.

1100 hours — Solemn entry of the Orthodox Patriarch into the Basilica of the Nativity, Bethlehem.

1115 hours — Orthodox vespers and Liturgy in the Basilica of the Nativity.

2230 hours — Orthodox Matins, Procession and Liturgy in the Basilica and in the Grotto of the Nativity.

— Last day of the Jewish Month of Tevet. Prayers at Rachel's Tomb from 0800 hours to 1800 hours; at Wailing Wall from 1300 hours to 2000 hours.

Thursday 7th — Christmas Day (Eastern Churches — American Church excepted).

Midnight Liturgy continues to 0330 hours at Basilica of the Nativity. At 0400 hours Orthodox Patriarch returns to Jerusalem.

Official Holiday for Government officers of the Eastern Churches.

Friday 8th — Moslem New Year 1362 (1st of Muharram).

Official holiday for Moslem officers of the Government.

Wednesday, 13th — New Year's Eve (Eastern Churches).

0001 hours — Midnight procession and service at Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

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Thursday 14th — New Year's Day and Feast of Circumcision (Eastern Churches).

Midnight ceremony and procession at Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

Official holiday for Government officers of the Orthodox community.

Monday 18th — Eve of American Christmas and Epiphany.

0900 hours — Armenian Patriarch leaves Jerusalem (Armenian Patriarchate) for Bethlehem.

1300 hours — Solemn entry of Armenian Patriarch into the Basilica of the Nativity, Bethlehem.

1430 hours — Service and Mass in the Basilica and Liturgy.

2000 hours — Service, Liturgy and Mass in the Basilica and Epiphany Service in the Basilica.

— *Eve of Epiphany (Eastern Churches).*

1300 hours—1500 hours — Orthodox Vespers and ceremony of Sanctification of the Waters on banks of the River Jordan at the recognised place of Baptism, near Jericho.

Tuesday 19th — Epiphany (Eastern Churches) and Armenian Christmas Day.

Bank of the River Jordan at the place known as "El Maghtas".

0700—1100 hours — Orthodox Liturgy and ceremony of the Consecration of the Waters. Many Orthodox Christians attend.

Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

0700—1030 hours — Orthodox Liturgy in the Katholicon.

0900 hours — Armenian Patriarch returns from Bethlehem.

Official holiday for Government officers of the Eastern Churches.

Wednesday 20th — Eve of Anniversary of Death of Lenin.

Possible dissemination of propaganda or meetings by communist factions.

Thursday 21st — Anniversary of Death of Lenin.

Possible dissemination of propaganda or meetings by communist factions.

— *Rosh Hashana La'ilanoth (Jewish Festival of the Plantation of Trees).*

Procession of Jewish children and a crowd of spectators gather at one of the suburbs of Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel Aviv respectively at an early hour. Details vary each year and the programme is made known only a few days prior to the occasion. The festival is postponed in case of inclement weather.

JANUARY—FEBRUARY—MARCH

Tuesday 26th — Feast of Circumcision (Armenian).

0800 hours — Solemn entry by the Armenian Patriarch into the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre followed by a procession and Mass.

Official holiday for Government officers of the Armenian community.

FEBRUARY.

Thursday 4th — Last Day of Jewish Month of Adar.

Prayers at Rachel's Tomb from 0800 hours to 1800 hours; at Wailing Wall from 1300 hours to 200 hours.

MARCH.

NOTE:—The general cleaning of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre takes place during the week preceding Lent. The exact date is fixed by agreement between the Superiors of the three principal communities in the Basilica.

Monday 8th — First Day in Lent (Eastern Churches).

Carnival procession and holiday making throughout the day. This custom is now becoming obsolete.

Wednesday 10th — Ash Wednesday (beginning of the Lent of the Western Churches).

Saturday 13th — Eve of the First Sunday in Lent (Western and Eastern Churches.)

Solemn entries into the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre:

1300 hours — Latin Patriarch,

1400 hours — Orthodox Patriarch,

1445 hours — Armenian Patriarch.

followed by vespers by the Orthodox and Armenians in the Katholicon and Armenian Gallery respectively.

1500 — Procession by the Latins within the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

Sunday 14th — First Sunday in Lent (Western and Eastern Churches).

Solemn entries into the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre:

0700 hours — Orthodox Patriarch,

0730 hours — Latin Patriarch,

0800 hours — Armenian Patriarch,

followed by Mass and Liturgies in the Katholicon, Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene and Armenian Gallery respectively.

0945 hours — Orthodox procession in the Rotunda and round the Ambulatory in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

1030 hours — Armenian procession round the Rotunda and the Stone of Unction in the Basilica.

MARCH

— *Anniversary of the Death of Moses the Prophet.*

0900—1500 hours — Visits paid to the Jewish Cemetery (Mount of Olives, near Silwan).

Wednesday 17th — Eve of Anniversary of death of Trumpeldor.

Thursday 18th — Anniversary of the Death of Trumpeldor.

Visits from towns and settlements to the grave of Trumpeldor at Tel Hai. Lectures and processions by members of the Revisionist Party and Birth Trumpeldor. Similar celebrations are held by the Histadruth.

— *Eve of Moslem Feast of the Birth of Prophet (Mauled el Nabi)*

Incursions from villages to towns. After evening prayers at 1830 hours the "Mauled" ceremony is held in mosques attended by large crowds. Pilgrims arrive in Jerusalem from Nablus, Jaffa, etc.

Friday 19th — Moslem Feast of Birthday of the Prophet "Mauled el Nabi".

After midday prayers the "Mauled" ceremony is held in mosques. Villagers flock into the towns. In Haifa a large procession is held.

Official holiday for Moslem officers of the Government.

Saturday 20th — Eve of Second Sunday in Lent (Western and Eastern Churches).

1400 hours — Solemn entry of the Latin Patriarch into the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

1430 hours — Latin procession round the Basilica.

— *Jewish Fast of Esther.*

Sunday 21st — Second Sunday in Lent (Western and Eastern Churches).

0830 hours — Solemn entry by the Latin Patriarch into the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

0900 hours — Latin Mass in the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

— *Jewish Festival of Purim (Carnival).*

Processions and ceremonial assemblies in Tel Aviv from all parts of the country.

Monday 22nd — Jewish Festival of Purim (Carnival).

Carnival festivities in Jerusalem but no procession is formed.

— *Moslem Feast of Sydna Hashem.*

Feast commences on 22nd or 23rd and continues for a week. Several processions held in Gaza mainly at night. Friday 26th a large crowd assembles at Mosque of Sidna Hashem.

Thursday 25 — National Day of Greece.

MARCH—APRIL

Saturday 27th — Eve of Third Sunday in Lent (Western and Eastern Churches).

1400 hours — Entry of Armenians into the Sanctuary of the Ascension, Mount of Olives. Armenian service and Mass in the same sanctuary at night.

1400 hours — Solemn entry by the Orthodox Patriarch into the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

Sunday 28th — Third Sunday in Lent (Western and Eastern Churches).

0800 hours — Armenian procession and Mass in the Sanctuary of the Ascension, Mount of Olives.

0700 hours — Solemn entry of the Orthodox Patriarch into the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre followed by Liturgy in, and in front of the Edicule and finally by a procession round the Rotunda and the Ambulatory.

0830 hours — Latin Pontifical Mass in the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

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Saturday 3rd — Eve of Fourth Sunday in Lent (Western and Eastern Churches).

1400 hours — Solemn entry by the Armenian Patriarch into the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

Sunday 4th — Fourth Sunday in Lent (Western and Eastern Churches).

0800 hours — Mass by the Armenian community in, and in front of the Edicule, in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, followed by a procession round the Rotunda and Stone of Unction.

0830 hours — Latin Mass in the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

Monday 5th — Last Day of Jewish Month of Ader II..

0800—1800 hours — Visits to Rachel's Tomb.

1300—2000 hours — Visits to the Wailing Wall.

Friday 9th — The "Call" to Nebi Musa.

Large attendance of villagers at midday prayers at Haram esh Sharif when the date of the Pilgrimage is announced.

Latin pilgrimage to Tomb of St. Lazarus, Bethany, (Aizarieh Village).

0600 hours — Latin Mass in Tomb of St. Lazarus followed by procession via several shrines and ending at Gethsemane.

Sunday 11 — Fifth Sunday in Lent (Western and Eastern Churches).

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0600—0930 hours — Liturgy by the Copts in their chapel behind the Edicule in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

Wednesday 14th — Nablus Pilgrimage to Nebi Musa.

Procession in Nablus in the afternoon.

Thursday 15th — Nablus Pilgrimage to Nebi Musa.

Banners leave for Jerusalem during the morning.

Due to arrive with Nablus contingent at 0800 hours. Move in procession from Sheikh Jarrah to Haram esh Sharif via Damascus Gate.

Friday 16th — Nebi Musa Pilgrimage.

Village contingents continue to arrive throughout the morning. In the past, Jaffa and Ramle contingents arrived by train in the morning and moved in procession from the railway station through the Suq to the Haram esh Sharif.

At approximately 0930 hours the Jerusalem banners are taken for blessing to the District Commissioner's office and then to Haram esh Sharif. After midday prayers the processions of Jerusalem, Nablus and village pilgrims leave the Mosque area. On arrival at Ras el Amud approximately at 1700 hours the Mayor of Jerusalem holds a reception. The crowd disperses after the departure of the pilgrims for Nebi Musa.

— *Latin Feast of the Seven Dolours.*

Latin Mass in Calvary, Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

— *Eve of the Orthodox Feast of St. Lazarus.*

Orthodox vespers and procession in the Sanctuary of the Ascension, Mount of Olives.

Saturday 17th — Feast of St. Lazarus (Orthodox).

0700—1030 hours — Liturgy within the Sanctuary of the Ascension on Mount of Olives.

1030 hours — Procession to Bethany.

— *Eve of Palm Sunday (Western and Eastern Churches).*

0600 hours — Latin Pilgrimage from St. Saviour's Convent to Bethfage.

— Solemn entries into the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre:

1330 hours — Latin Patriarch.

1400 — Orthodox Patriarch.

1430 hours — Armenian Patriarch.

followed by vespers by the Orthodox and Armenians in the Katholicon and the Armenian Gallery respectively.

1400 hours — Procession by the Latins round the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

— *Hebronite Pilgrimage to Nebi Musa.*

Procession in Hebron in the afternoon.

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Sunday 18th — Palm Sunday (Western and Eastern Churches).

(a) *Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.*

0600 hours — Solemn entry by the Latin Patriarch followed by Latin service of the Blessing of the Palms in front of the Edicule. Latin procession round the Rotunda and the Stone of Unction.

0700 hours — Solemn entry by the Orthodox Patriarch via Calvary — Liturgy in the Katholicon.

0730 hours — Latin Mass at the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene.

0745 hours — Solemn entry by the Armenian Patriarch followed by Mass in the Armenian Gallery.

1900 hours — Orthodox procession round the Rotunda and Ambulatory.

1130 hours — Procession by Armenians followed by Copts and Syrian Orthodox round the Rotunda and Stone of Unction.

(b) *Bethfage (Aizariéh Village):*

1500 hours — Procession by Latin Patriarch via Mount of Olives to St. Anne's Convent within St. Stephen's Gate (normally attended by a large crowd).

(c) *Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre:*

1600—1800 hours — Orthodox Service in the Katholicon.

— *Hebronite Pilgrimage to Nebi Musa.*

0700 hours approximately pilgrims set out from Mar Elias in processional order to proceed to Haram esh Sharif via Jaffa Gate. Arrive at Haram esh Sharif at 1700 hours approximately.

Entertained for meals usually in the fields of Sitna Miriam.

Monday 19th — Holy Monday (Western and Eastern Churches).

0600 hours — Latin pilgrimage from St. Saviour's Convent to the Vth Station via Dolorosa, Jerusalem.

1600—1800 hours — Orthodox evening service in the Katholicon, Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

— *Anniversary of outbreak of 1936 Disturbances.*

— *Hebronite Pilgrimage to Nebi Musa.*

0600 hours approximately, Hebron pilgrims and the banners of the Jerusalem and Nablus Youth leave the Haram esh Sharif for Nebi Musa, arriving at Ras el Amud, where they break processional order at about 1000 hours.

Procession at Nabi Musa Shrine (near Jericho) in the afternoon.

Moslems from villages surrounding Jerusalem visit Nebi Musa. In past years they formed a procession to Haram esh Sharif starting from Jaffa Road at about 0700 hours. At about 1500 hours they leave the Haram for Ras el Amud on their way to the shrine.

— *Eve of Jewish Feast of Passover.*

Prayers at the Wailing Wall throughout the day.

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Tuesday, 20th — Holy Tuesday (Western and Eastern Churches).

0730 hours — Latin pilgrimage from St. Saviour's Convent, to the Chapel of the Flagellation via Dolorosa, Jerusalem.

0800 — Solemn entry and Holy Mass by Armenian community in the St. Mary's Church, Gethsemane to celebrate Feast of Anunciation of the holy Virgin.

1600—1800 hours — Orthodox evening service in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

— *Jewish Passover (First Day).*

Visits and prayers at the Wailing Wall throughout the day.

Official holiday for Jewish officers of the Government.

— *Moslem Feast of Wadi Namil.*

Ascalon beach near Majdal (Gaza). Large crowds collect from neighbouring villages from dawn until 1500 hours, then leave for Gaza to attend Feast of el Muntar.

— *Feast of Arbaat Ayub* — also celebrated by crowds which assemble on Gaza beach in the afternoon until midnight.

Wednesday 21st — Holy Wednesday (Western and Eastern Churches).

0700 hours — Latin pilgrimage from St. Saviour's Convent to the Basilica of Gethsemane and return to the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

Large crowds visit the Basilica.

1500 hours — Latin Tenebrae service in front of Edicule in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

— *Samaritan Passover.*

— Ceremonies by the Samaritan community at Nablus in the afternoon and evening.

— *Moslem Feast of Sheikh Ganem*—also in Nablus.

— *Jewish week days of Passover (Hol Hamoed).*

Second day of Pesach — From this day until 26th (inclusive) prayers are held at the Wailing Wall.

— *Moslem Feast of El Hussein.*

Majdal-Gaza. Large crowds assemble at the tomb of El Hussein at Jora Village.

Thursday, 22nd — Monday Thursday (Western and Eastern Churches).

(a) *Orthodox Central Convent:*

0530—0900 hours — Liturgy in the Chapel of St. Constantine and Helena followed by the ceremony of the Washing of the Feet in the courtyard of the Central Convent.

(b) *Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre:*

0700 hours — Entry by the Latin Patriarch followed by Pontifical Mass in front of the Edicule and then by a procession round the Rotunda and Stone of Unction.

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1100 hours — Latin Patriarch leaves the Basilica, the gate of which is then closed.

1330 hours — Entry by the Latins after which the gate is again closed.

1400 hours — Latin ceremony of the Washing of the Feet in front of the Edicule, followed by Tenebrae service.

1600 hours — Latin Patriarch leaves the Basilica, after which the gate is closed.

(c) *Armenian Cathedral of St. James:*

1430 hours — Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet.

(d) *Syrian Orthodox Convent:*

1600 hours — Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet.

(e) *Cenacle (Nebi Daud):*

1600 hours — Latin pilgrimage from St. Saviour's Convent via Central Police Barracks and Zion Gate to the Cenacle, thence down the valley of Silwan to Gethsemane.

(f) *Basilica of Gethsemane:*

1700 hours — Latin Ceremony of the Holy Hour.

(g) *Russian Compound (Garden of Gethsemane).*

In the evening the Anglican and Protestant communities hold special devotions and prayers in the compound.

(N.B.): Large crowds attend all the above-mentioned ceremonies.

(h) *Nebi Musa:*

Official return of all pilgrims from Nebi Musa.

0930 hours — Processions set out on the arrival of the pilgrims at Ras el Amud and move to the Haram esh Sharif, where they arrive at approximately 1600 hours.

1700 hours — The banners are installed in their place at Dar el Mufti.

Pilgrims remain overnight in Jerusalem.

(i) *Moslem Feast of El Muntar.*

Large assemblies take part in games, including horse and camel racing for the great part of the day commencing with a procession through Gaza to the site of fair at the beginning of the Beersheba road.

Friday, 23rd — (a) Good Friday (Western and Eastern Churches).

0600—0900 hours — Entry by Latins and service in Calvary in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

0930—1030 hours — Opening of gates of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre by Orthodox followed by service in Calvary.

1100—1140 hours — Procession — Way of the Cross from Rowdat

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el Maaref via Khan es Zeit to the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. Many pilgrims participate.

1300 hours — Orthodox evening service in the Katholicon in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

1330—1445 hours — Latin Burial procession by the Custos of the Holy Land in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre via the Ambulatory and Calvary and ending with service in front of the Edicule.

1430—1700 hours — Armenian Burial service in the Cathedral of St. James.

1500—1700 hours — Orthodox Burial service in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre via the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene and ending with service in front of the Edicule.

1715—1830 hours — Syrian Orthodox Burial procession in the Basilica (same route as the Latin and Orthodox processions).

1730—1845 hours — Coptic Burial procession in the Basilica (same route as above).

1700—1830 hours — Church of St. James, Parvis of the Basilica: Orthodox Burial Service.

Official holiday for Christian officers of the Government.

(b) *Dispersal of the Nebi Musa Pilgrims.*

After midday prayers at Haram esh Sharif approximately at 1300 hours Hebron pilgrims and village contingents leave in procession via the Suq, Jaffa Gate and Birket Sultan, where they break the processional order and return to their respective villages.

Saturday 24th — Holy Saturday (Western and Eastern Churches).

(a) Ceremonies in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre:

0600 hours — Latin entry into the Basilica, followed by service of the Blessing of the Fire by the Stone of Unction.

0630 hours — Pontifical High Mass in front of the Edicule (doors of the Basilica are closed from 0600 hours until the end of the Latin Services).

0930 hours — Opening of the Gate of the Basilica by the Armenians.

1000 hours — Entry of the Armenian Patriarch into the Basilica.

1100 hours — Sealing of the Tomb.

1130 hours — Entry of the lay Orthodox Community into the Basilica.

1200 hours — Entry of the Orthodox Patriarch into the Basilica.

1230 hours — Orthodox Procession round the Rotunda.

1300 hours — Ceremony of the Holy Fire after which a procession of the Orthodox Community to the Orthodox Central Convent where they disperse.

1315 hours — Procession by Armenians followed by Copts and Syrian Orthodox round the Rotunda and the Stone of Unction.

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1700—1745 hours — Latin service in front of the Edicule.

(b) *Nebi Musa:*

Return of Nablus pilgrims.

Banners and pilgrims from Nablus leave Horem esh Sharif at 0900 hours in procession via Damascus Gate and disperse near Sheikh Jarrah.

Hebron. A final procession is held in the morning.

Sunday, 25th — Easter Sunday (Western and Eastern Churches).

0330 hours — Orthodox Liturgy and procession in the Rotunda of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

0330—0430 hours — Procession by Armenian followed by Copts and Syrian Orthodox in the Rotunda of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

(N.B. Both the above-mentioned services and processions are restricted to clergy).

0430—0800 hours — Armenian Mass in front of the Edicule in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

0845—1100 hours — Latin High Mass in front of the Edicule, in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

1230 hours — Orthodox procession from the Orthodox Patriarchate to the Basilica followed by service in the Katholicon.

1530 hours — Orthodox service in the Katholicon ends.

— *Feast of Nebi Shaib (Druz).*

Celebrated at Hittin village (Tiberias) Druz from Syria and the Lebanon arrive to participate.

Monday 26th — Easter Monday.

Official holiday for Christian officers of the Government.

— *Latin Feast of Emmaus (Qubeibeh Jerusalem S/D).*

— *Jewish Feast of Passover (Last Day).*

0600—1800 hours — Visits to the Wailing Wall.

Friday 30th — Moslem Feast of Nebi Saleh.

Village contingents with banners arrive from the early hours and hold picnics in the neighbourhood of the Shrine at Ramle. At about 1100 hours the banners are taken to the Mosque in procession and after midday prayers the crowds proceed to the shrine. The Jaffa banner is returned by train and a procession is formed from the railway station to the Jaffa Town Hall square where the crowd disperses

— *Moslem Feast of Eid el Halawa.*

Observed by villagers who flock to Jerusalem.

APRIL—MAY

— Eve of Labour Day.

Mass Labour meetings, concerts and distribution of literature.
Possible dissemination of Communist propaganda.

MAY.*Saturday 1st -- Labour Day.*

Public and other meetings held chiefly in Tel Aviv and labour settlements. Many visitors from settlements to towns. Unlawful assemblies or dissemination of seditious literature by communist factions possible.

— Eve of First Sunday after Easter (Western and Eastern Churches).

1500 — Entry by the Custos of the Holy Land into the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre followed by a procession round the Basilica.

Sunday 2nd — Vigil of the Holy Cross (Latin).

1300 hours — Entry and procession at Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

*Monday 3rd — National Feast of the Polish Republic.**— Finding of the Holy Cross (Latin).*

0800 hours — Pontifical Mass at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre followed by procession round the Rotunda and the Stone of Unction.

Wednesday 5th — Last Day of Jewish Month of Nisan.

0800—1800 hours — Prayers at Rachel's Tomb.

1200—2000 hours — Prayers at the Wailing Wall.

Thursday 6th — Feast of St. Georges (Orthodox).

El Khader (near Bethlehem). Crowds from Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Beit Jala and Beit Sahur attend monastery in the village and remain throughout the day.

Saturday 8th — Eve of Second Sunday after Easter.

1400 hours — Solemn entry by Armenian Patriarch into the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

Sunday 9th — Second Sunday after Easter.

0800 hours — Mass by the Armenians in front of the Edicule in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

— Feast of Tabitha (Orthodox).

Celebrations and holidaymaking throughout the day in Jaffa.

MAY—JUNE

Wednesday 12th — Anniversary of the Coronation of H. M. King George VI.

Monday 17th — National Day of Norway.

Saturday 22nd — Eve of Jewish Festival of Lag Baomer (Outdoor day).

Jerusalem. Bonfires at the tomb of Simon the Just and in precincts of certain other synagogues from 1900 hours to 2300 hours.

Safad and Meiroun. The feast is celebrated with great ceremony and is very well attended, pilgrims arriving from all parts of Palestine.

Sunday 23rd — Jewish Festival of Lag Baomer.

The tomb of Simon the Just is visited by Ashkenazic and Sephardic Jews and picnics are held throughout the day.

Safad and Meiroun. Processions with holy scrolls to the tomb at Meiroun.

Monday 24th — Day following Jewish Festival of Lag Baomer.

Sephardic Jews visit the tomb of Simon the Just and hold picnics throughout the day.

JUNE.

Tuesday 1st — Eve of Jewish Feast of Samuel the Prophet.

Pilgrims proceed from Jerusalem to Nebi Samuel to attend ceremony on the following day. Since 1936 disturbances the custom has not been observed.

Wednesday, 2nd — Eve of Ascension Day (Western and Eastern Churches).

Sanctuary of the Ascension, Mount of Olives:—

0700 hours — Latins take possession of the Edicule.

1300 hours — Orthodox solemn entry; they visit the Edicule and proceed to their place.

1315 hours — Armenians Solemn entry; they visit the Edicule and proceed to their place.

1325 hours — Copts arrive, visit the Edicule and proceed to their place.

1335 hours — Syrian Orthodox arrive, visit the Edicule and proceed to their place.

1345—1900 hours — Latin Solemn Entry and service within the Edicule.

1500—1900 hours — Orthodox service in their tent.

1510—1900 hours — Armenian service in their tent.

1510—1630 hours — Copts service in their tent.

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1510—1630 — Syrian Orthodox service in their tent.

— *Jewish Feast of Samuel Prophet.*

Jewish prayers held at the Moslem shrine at Nebi Samuel village.

Thursday, 3rd — Ascension Day (Western and Eastern Churches).

Sanctuary of the Ascension, Mount of Olives:—

0430—0800 hours — Latin service within the Edicule.

0730 hours — Orthodox Matins in their tent.

0800—1030 hours — Orthodox solemn entry and service in the tent.

0830—1100 hours — Armenian Solemn entry and service in the tent.

0850—1130 hours — Coptic service in their tent.

0900—1145 hours — Syrian Orthodox Service in their tent.

Official holiday for Christian officers of the Government.

— *Last Day of Jewish Month of Iyyar.*

0700—1900 hours — Visits to Rachel's Tomb.

1300—2000 hours — Visits to the Wailing Wall.

Tuesday, 8th — Eve of Jewish Feast of Shawouoth (Pentecost).

Visits to the Wailing Wall during the afternoon.

Wednesday, 9th — Birthday of H.M. King George VI.

General public holiday.

— *Jewish Feast of Pentecost.*

0800—1800 hours — Sephardic Jews visit and hold prayers at the Moslem Shrine at Nebi Daud.

Visits also paid to the Wailing Wall.

Official holiday for Jewish officers of the Government.

Thursday, 10th — Day following Jewish Feast of Pentecost.

0800—1800 hours — Sephardic Jews visit the Tomb of Simon the Just and hold picnics throughout the day.

Ashkenazic Jews visit and hold prayers at the Moslem Shrine at Nebi Daud throughout the day.

Saturday, 12th — Eve of Pentecost (Western and Eastern Churches).

Mount Zion:

0600—1200 hours — Service in the Orthodox cemetery.

1300—1600 hours — Service in the Armenian cemetery.

Sunday, 13th — Pentecost (Western & Eastern Churches).

0800 hours — (a) *Latins on Mount Zion:*

— Convent of the Dormition — (near Cenacle) Pontifical Mass.

1500 hours — Convent of the Dormition — Vespers and Benediction.

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1600 hours — Cenacle (Nebi Daud) Latin pilgrimage from St. Saviour's Convent via Central Police Barracks and Zion Gate to the Cenacle.

(b) *Orthodox:*

0700—1100 hours — Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre — Liturgy in the Katholicon.

1400—1530 hours — Chapel on Mount Zion — Service.

(c) *Armenians:*

0730—1200 hours — Chapel on Mount Zion — Solemn Mass.

1400—1800 hours — Chapel on Mount Zion — Service and procession.

Monday, 14th — White Monday (Western and Eastern Churches).

Official holiday for Christian officers of the Government.

Wednesday, 16th — National day of Sweden.

Tuesday, 22nd — Anniversary of the Entry of U.S.S.R. into War with the Allies.

Communist demonstrations possible.

Wednesday, 23rd — Eve of Corpus Christi (Latin).

1330 hours — Vespers and procession held by the Latin Patriarch in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

— *Eve of the Feast of St. John the Baptist (Latin).*

Celebrations at Ain Karem.

Thursday, 24th — Corpus Christi (Latin).

Mass and procession in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. Special ceremonies in the Latin churches in Jerusalem and elsewhere.

— *Feast of St. John the Baptist (Latin).*

Celebrations at Ain Karem.

— *Moslem Festival of Nebi Rubin (Exact date not fixed).*

Crowds begin to gather at an early hour at Sbil Abu Nabout, Jaffa and march in procession to the Great Mosque. After midday prayers the procession (with the banner) continues until 1500 hours when the crowds disperse.

Saturday, 26th — Anniversary of the death of Dr. Arlosoroff.

Memorial meetings by Histadruth.

Tuesday, 29th — Latin Feast of Saints Peter and Paul — Celebrations in Jaffa.

JULY.

Thursday, 1st — Last Day of Jewish month of Siwan.

0700—1900 hours — Prayers at Rachel's Tomb.

1300—2100 hours — Prayers at Wailing Wall.

JULY

Friday, 2nd — Visitation of Our Lady (Latin).

Celebrations at Ain Karem and Urtas (near Bethlehem).

Saturday, 3rd — Anniversary of the Execution of Shlomo Ben Yosef.

Memorial assemblies etc., by the Revisionist Party.

0800 hours — *Latin Feast of the Precious Blood.*

Celebrations at the Church of Gethsemane.

Sunday, 4th — Independence Day of the United States of America.

Monday, 5th — National Day of Yugoslavia.

Wednesday, 14th — National Feast of the French Republic.

Friday, 16th — Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Latin).

Procession and services etc., at Mount Carmel.

Monday, 19th — Vigil of St. Elias (Latin).

1730 hours — Procession to Mount Carmel Monastery.

Tuesday, 20th — St. Elias (Latin)—Mount Carmel.

0630 hours — Mass and procession.

0800 hours — Maronite service.

0930 hours — Greek Catholic service.

Visitors from all parts of Palestine and holiday making throughout the 19th and 20th.

From this day until August 10th visits are paid to the Wailing Wall and special prayers held daily.

Thursday, 22nd — Feast of St. Mary Magdalene (Latin).

0600 hours — Latin pilgrimage from St. Saviour's Convent to Bethany (Aizarieh village) where Masses are celebrated in the Tomb of St. Lazarus, followed by a procession via several shrines and ending at Gethsemane.

— *Jewish Fast of 17th Tammuz, in memory of the destruction of Jerusalem.*

Friday, 23rd — Anniversary of death of Dr. Herzl.

Zionist meetings throughout Palestine with large attendance. Excursions arranged to Ben Shemen, Kiryat Anavim and other settlements.

— *Labour Day of the Revisionist Party.*

Celebrated instead of 1st May. Meetings etc.

Saturday, 31st — Eve of Anti-Imperialist Day.

Possible dissemination of propaganda by communist factions.

— *Eve of Anniversary of death of Jabotinsky.*

AUGUST

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Saturday, 1st — National Feast of Switzerland.

— *Eve of Feast of St. Elias (Orthodox).*

A great number of people visit the Convent of Mar Elias (near Bethlehem) and picnic in the vicinity throughout the day.

1500—1700 hours — Vespers in the Church of the Convent.

— *Anti-Imperialist Day.*

Celebrated by communist factions for propaganda purposes.

— *Last Day of Jewish Month of Tammuz.*

0700—2000 hours — Prayers at Rachel's Tomb.

1300—2000 hours — Prayers at the Wailing Wall.

— *Anniversary of the death of Jabotinsky.*

Memorial meetings through Palestine by the Revisionist Party.

Monday, 2nd — St. Elias (Orthodox).

0700—1100 — Liturgy and ceremony at Mar Elias (near Bethlehem).

Monday, 9th — Eve of Jewish Fast of Tishaa B'ib.

The fast commences at 0630 hours. A great number of Jews visit the Wailing Wall from 1700 hours until dawn during which time the traditional pilgrimage is made round the Wailing Wall. Many visitors from all parts of Palestine.

Tuesday, 10th — Jewish Fast of Tishaa B'ib (Anniversary of the Destruction of the Temple).

Visits to the Wailing Wall until noon. Pilgrims flock to Jerusalem for this purpose.

Sunday, 15th — Assumption of Our Lady (Latin).

Service at Gethsemane in the morning and afternoon.

Wednesday, 18th — Feast of Nebi Hosha (Druz).

— Celebrated at Safad.

Friday, 27th — Eve of Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin (Eastern Churches except Armenian).

Church of the Tomb of the Virgin, Gethsemane.

0600—0930 hours — Orthodox ceremony.

1400—1600 hours — Orthodox vespers.

Saturday, 28th — Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin (Eastern Churches).

0600—0900 hours — Orthodox Liturgy.

0900—1000 hours — Armenian Mass.

1000—1100 hours — Copts and Syrian Orthodox.

AUGUST—SEPTEMBER

— *Eve of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin (Armenian Church).*

1430 hours — Armenian procession in the church of the Tomb of the Virgin and service at night

Sunday, 29th — Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin (Armenian Church).

0200 hours — Church of the Tomb of the Virgin, Gethsemane: Armenian Liturgy.

0200 hours — Armenian Holy Mass and procession.

Tuesday, 31st — Eve of Jewish Month of Elul.

0700—1300 hours — Prayers at Jewish cemetery (near Silwann).

0700—200 hours — Prayers at Rachel's Tomb.

1400—2000 hours — Prayers at Wailing Wall.

— *Eve of Moslem Ramadan Fast.*

Incursions from villages.

SEPTEMBER.

Wednesday, 1st — First Day of Moslem Ramadan Fast.

— *Jewish Pilgrimage to Rachel's Tomb.*

From this day until the Day of Atonement (a period of 40 days) Jewish communities pay daily visits to Rachel's Tomb. During this period Sephardic Jews hold Selikhot prayers at synagogues daily commencing at 0300 hours.

Friday, 3rd — First Friday in Ramadan.

Religious procession from Haram esh Sharif to Nabi Daud after midday prayers. The congregation disperses after afternoon prayers at Nabi Daud.

Saturday, 4th — Eve of Third International Youth Day.

Possible dissemination of communist propaganda.

Sunday, 5th — Third International Youth Day.

Noted for dissemination of communist propaganda amongst youth.

Friday, 10th — Second Friday in Ramadan.

Religious procession from Harem Esh Sharif to Nebi Daud after midday prayers. The congregation disperses after afternoon prayers at Nebi Daud.

Tuesday, 14th — Exaltation of the Cross (Latin).

0700 hours — Latin Mass in Calvary in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER

Friday, 17th — Third Friday in Ramadan.

Religious procession from Harem Esh Sharif to Nabi Daud after midday prayers. The congregation disperses after afternoon prayers at Nabi Daud.

Tuesday, 21st — Birth of the Holy Virgin (Armenian).

0800 hours — Solemn entry and Holy Mass at St. Mary's Church at Gethsemane.

Friday, 24th — Fourth Friday in Ramadan.

Religious procession from Harem esh Sharif to Nebi Daud after midday prayers. The congregation disperses after afternoon prayers at Nebi Daud.

Sunday, 26th — Eve of Exaltation of the Cross (Orthodox).

1500—1730 hours — Vespers in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

— *Moslem Feast of Leilat el Qadr (Night of Inspiration).*

Ceremony at Harem esh Sharif in the evening and on the following day, usually attended by large crowds.

Monday, 27th — Exaltation of the Cross (Orthodox).

0700—1100 hours — Liturgy and procession in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

Wednesday, 29th — Eve of Jewish New Year.

Visits to the Wailing Wall throughout the day.

Thursday, 30th — Jewish New Year's Day (5704).

Visits paid to the Wailing Wall throughout the day. Prayers at synagogues between 0600 and 1300 hours.

Official holiday for Jewish officers of the Government.

— *Eve of Moslem Feast of Id el Fitr.*

OCTOBER.

Friday, 1st — Second Day of Jewish New Year.

Visits to Wailing Wall throughout the day. Prayers at synagogues between 0600 hours and 1300 hours.

Official holiday for Jewish officers of the Government.

Friday, 1st

Saturday, 2nd

Sunday, 3rd

} — *Moslem Feast of Id el Fitr.*

Prayers at Mosques on 1st at an early hour. Official holiday for Moslem officers of the Government.

Saturday, 2nd — Jewish Fast of Gedalia.

Visits to the Wailing Wall in the afternoon.

OCTOBER—NOVEMBER

Saturday, 9th — Eve of Jewish Day of Atonement (Yom Kipur).

0700—2100 hours — Large crowds visit the Wailing Wall throughout the day.

1630—2000 hours — Prayers at synagogues.

Fastbegins at 1600 hours.

— *Eve of the Feast of the Apparition of the Holy Cross (Armenian).*

1430 hours — Solemn Entry by the Armenian Patriarch into the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

Sunday, 10th — Jewish Day of Atonement (Yom Kipur).

Prayers held at Wailing Wall and in synagogues throughout the day.

Official holiday for Jewish officers of the Government.

— *Feast of the Apparition of the Holy Cross (Armenian).*

0800 hours — Mass at the Edicule in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

Wednesday, 13th — Eve of Jewish Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkoth).

0700—2000 hours — Visits to Wailing Wall.

Thursday, 14th — Jewish Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkoth).

Visits to Wailing Wall throughout the day. During this week large numbers of pilgrims from all parts of Palestine visit Jerusalem and the Wailing Wall.

Official holiday for Jewish officers of the Government.

Wednesday, 20th — Jewish Feast of Hashana Rabba.

Visits to the Wailing Wall throughout the day.

Thursday, 21st — Jewish Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkoth) Last Day.

Visits to the Wailing Wall throughout the day.

Official holiday for Jewish officers of the Government.

Thursday, 28th — National Feast of Czechoslovakia.

— *Last Day of Jewish month of Tishri.*

0700—2000 hours — Prayers at Rachel's Tomb.

1400—2000 hours — Prayers at Wailing Wall.

Friday, 29th — National Feast of the Turkish Republic.

NOVEMBER.

Monday, 1st — Feast of All Saints (Latin).

Cemeteries are visited throughout the day.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, 2nd — Feast of All Souls (Latin).

1100 hours — Pilgrimage from St. Saviour's Convent to the Cemeteries, Mount Zion, via Zion Gate, Jerusalem.

— *Anniversary of the Balfour Declaration.*

It has been usual in the past for speeches to be made after midday prayers in Mosques, for meetings to be held and cessation of work to be called for. In recent years the day has not been observed.

Saturday, 6th — Eve of Anniversary of the U.S.S.R.

Possible assemblies and propaganda by communist factions.

Eve of the Feast of the Finding of the Holy Cross (Armenian).

1400 hours — Solemn entry by the Armenian Patriarch into the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

Sunday, 7th — Feast of the Finding of the Holy Cross (Armenian).

0800 hours — Armenian Mass in the Chapel of St. Helena, followed by procession round the Ambulatory, Edicule, The Stone of Uncion and back to the Chapel of St. Helena in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

— *Anniversary of the U.S.S.R.*

Possible assemblies and propaganda by communist factions.

Tuesday, 9th — Jewish Anniversary of Death of Rachel.

Visits to Rachel's Tomb throughout the day where special prayers are held between 0800 hours and 1800 hours.

Thursday, 11th — Armistice Day, 1918.

Monday, 15th — Eve of Feast of St. George (Orthodox).

1500—1700 hours — Lydda—Vespers in the Orthodox Basilica.

1500—1700 hours — El Khadr (near Bethlehem) Vespers in the Orthodox Convent.

Large attendance of Christians. Picnics in the vicinity of Lydda and El Khadr village.

Tuesday, 16th — Feast of St. George (Anniversary of Burial of remains) (Orthodox).

0800—1130 hours — Lydda. Liturgy in the Orthodox Basilica.

0800—1130 hours — El Khadr (near Bethlehem) Liturgy in the Orthodox convent.

Large attendance of Christians. Picnics in the vicinity of Lydda and El Khadr.

Thursday, 18th — National Feast of Lithuania.

NOVEMBER—DECEMBER

Thursday, 25th — Last Day of Jewish Month of Heshwan.

0700—2000 hours — Prayers at Rachel's Tomb.

1400—2000 hours — Prayers at Wailing Wall.

DECEMBER.

Saturday, 4th — Feast of the Presentation of the Holy Virgin to the Temple (Armenian).

0800 hours — Solemn entry and Holy Mass in St. Mary's Church at Gethsemane.

Tuesday, 7th — Eve of Moslem Feast of Sacrifice.

Incursions of villagers into towns.

<i>Wednesday, 8th</i>	} — Moslem Feast of Sacrifice (<i>Id el Fitr</i> or <i>Kurban Bairam</i>).
<i>Thursday, 9th</i>	
<i>Friday, 10th</i>	

Prayers at Mosques at an early hour on 8th.

Official holiday for Moslem officers of the Government.

Friday, 17th — Anniversary of the Death of Borochoy (Founder of the Poale Zion Party).

Meetings etc., held by the Pale Zion Party.

Tuesday, 21st — Eve of Jewish Feast of Hanuka.

Religious celebrations for 8 days.

Wednesday, 22nd — Jewish Feast of Hanouka.

— *Feast of the Conception of the Holy Virgin (Armenian).*

0800 hours — Solemn entry and Mass at St. Mary's Church at Gethsemane.

Friday, 24th — Christmas Eve (Western Churches).

1200 hours — The Latin Patriarch leaves Jerusalem (Jaffa Gate) for Bethlehem.

1330 hours — Latin solemn entry into the Basilica of the Nativity.

1400 hours — Vespers in the Church of St. Catherine (adjacent to the Basilica of the Nativity).

2200 hours — Matins in the Church of St. Catherine.

2100 hours — Anglican Community sings carols in the Chapel of St. George Orthodox Convent, Bethlehem.

Saturday, 25th — Christmas day (Western Churches).

Midnight — Latin Pontifical High Mass in the Church of St. Catherine (adjacent to the Basilica of the Nativity).

0300 hours — Latin procession from the Church of St. Catherine to the Grotto of the Nativity in the Basilica.

From midnight and throughout Christmas Day Latin Low Masses are held in the Grotto.

0900 hours — Latin Pontifical Mass in the Church of St. Catherine, Bethlehem.

1500 hours — Latin Pilgrimage from the Church of St. Catherine, Bethlehem to the Grotto of the Shepherds.

Sunday, 26th — Boxing Day.

Official holiday for Government Officers of the Western Churches.

Tuesday, 28th — Moslem New Year, 1363.

(1st of Moharram).

Official holiday for Moslem officers of the Government.