

# Moon of Nisan / Aviv for the time of the Passion

## LITURGICAL OBSERVENCE

From Ash Wednesday											Western Lent (44 days)					Western Lenten Fast (40 days excluding Sunday )								
From Cheesefare Monday										Eastern Great Fast / Lent (40 days)					→ Lazarus Saturday	Flowery / Palm Sunday		The Lord's Supper			The Crucifixion & Burial	In the Tomb	The Resurrection	
Civil Day	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN						
Day of the Week	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2						
Day of Creation																	Sabbath							
Evening & Morning																								
Day of the Moon	1 First Day of the Moon	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Pesach → Lambs Killed Passover	15 ←Pesach Meal Meal Crucifixion Burial	16 Feast of Unleavenes 2	17 Feast of Unleavenes 3 Pascha First-Fruit Omer 1	18 2						

Exodus 23:15 You shall keep the feast of the unleavens; ( חַג־הַמַּצּוֹת chag\_ham-matsot; ἑορτήν τῶν ἀζύμων) as I commanded you, you shall eat unleavens for seven days at the appointed time (לְמוֹעַד ; le-moed) in the moon of Aviv, for in it you came out of Egypt.

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Crescent moon observed

John 12:1 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany... 12 The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

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Lamb selected  
Exodus 12:3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household;

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Entry into Jerusalem  
John 12:13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

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Luke 22:15 Then He said to them, "With desire I have desired to eat this Passover (Πάσχα, Pascha) with you before I suffer; ...  
Luke 22:19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke, and gave to them, saying, "This is My body being given for you; do this in My memory."...  
Luke 22:20 the cup, likewise, after eating, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood being shed for you.

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Passover Meal  
Lamb slaughtered between the evenings & eaten  
Exodus 12:6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs between the evenings... 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

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Sabbath Preparation  
John 19:14 Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour...  
John 19:16 Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

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John 19:31 Then the Jews, because it was the Preparation, that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath day, for that was a great sabbath day,...

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John 13:1 Now before the feast of the Passover, ...  
John 13:2 And during supper, ...  
John 13:4 rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel.

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Hasty burrial

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Leviticus 23:10 "Say to the sons of Israel, When you come into the land which I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf עֹמֶר (omer) of the first (fruit) רֵאשִׁית (rēshit, ἀπαρχήν) of your harvest to the priest; ... on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it...  
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Leviticus 23:16 counting fifty days to the morrow after the seventh sabbath; ...

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	2	3	4	5	6	7	7	1
	18	19	20	21	22	23	23	24
Week 1	Feast of Unleavens 4	Feast of Unleavens 5	Feast of Unleavens 6	Feast of Unleavens 7				
	Omer 2	Omer 3	Omer 4	Omer 5	Omer 6	Omer 7	Omer 7	Omer 8
Week 2	25	26	27	28	29	30	30	1
	Omer 9	Omer 10	Omer 11	Omer 12	Omer 13	Omer 14	Omer 14	Omer 15
Week 3	2	3	4	5	6	7	7	8
	Omer 16	Omer 17	Omer 18	Omer 19	Omer 20	Omer 21	Omer 21	Omer 22

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Week 4	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Omer 23	Omer 24	Omer 25	Omer 26	Omer 27	Omer 28	Omer 29
Week 5	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Omer 30	Omer 31	Omer 32	Omer 33	Omer 34	Omer 35	Omer 36
Week 6	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Omer 37	Omer 38	Omer 39	Omer 40	Omer 41	Omer 42	Omer 43

In the middle of the Feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness, as Thou didst cry to all: 'If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink' (John 7:37). O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory be to Thee! -- *Troparion*

Byzantine liturgical observance here differs from the OT/Hebrew timing

**Sukkot** is celebrated for seven days from the 15th day of the month of Tishrei, usually occurring in September–October. Simchat Beit HaShoevah celebration drawing of the water for the water-libation on the Altar, an offering unique to Sukkot, when water was carried up the Jerusalem pilgrim road from the Pool of Siloam to the Temple in Jerusalem. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sukkot>; [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simchat\\_Beit\\_HaShoevah](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simchat_Beit_HaShoevah)

LITURGICAL OBSERVANCE Pentecost

Shavuot שבועות sixth day of the month of Sivan

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	2	3	4	5	6	7	7	1
	1	2	3	4	5	6	6	7
Week 7	Omer 44	Omer 45	Omer 46	Omer 47	Omer 48	Omer 49	Omer 50	Omer 50

**Acts 2:1** When the day of Pentecost had come, they [the disciples] were all together in one place.

**Romans 8:23** and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruit (ἀπαρχήν) of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies

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