

Feasts of the Episcopal Church

Adult Education Class
Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010

Cycles of Feast and Holy Days

- Dependent upon the movable date of Easter Day
 - 1st Sunday after 1st full moon that falls on or after Mar. 21
- Dependent upon the fixed date of Christmas
 - Dec. 25

Date of Easter Determines....

- Sequence of Sundays that follow
- Date of beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday
- Date of Feast of the Ascension
(Thursday forty days after Easter Day)

Christmas Determines...

- Sundays of Advent
 - always 4 Sundays preceding Dec. 25 (whether it is Sunday or weekday)

Feasts and Observances

- Feasts of Our Lord
 - Principal Feasts
 - Sundays
- Holy Days
 - Other Feasts of Our Lord
 - Other Major Feasts
- Days of Special Devotion
- Days of Optional Observance

Principal Feasts

- Take precedence of any other day or observance
 - Easter Day
 - Ascension Day
 - The Day of Pentecost
 - Trinity Sunday
 - All Saint's Day (Nov. 1)
 - Christmas Day (Dec. 25)
 - The Epiphany (Jan. 6)

Sundays

- All Sundays are feasts of our Lord Jesus Christ. Only the following (fixed dates) take precedence of a Sunday
 - The Holy Name
 - The Presentation
 - The Transfiguration
 - Feast of Dedication of a church, and feast of its patron saint (may be transferred to a Sunday except in Advent, Lent, and Easter)

Holy Days: Other Feasts of Our Lord

- The Holy Name
- The Presentation
- The Annunciation
- The Visitation
- Saint John the Baptist
- The Transfiguration
- Holy Cross Day

Holy Days: Other Major Feasts

- All feasts of Apostles
- All feasts of Evangelists
- Saint Stephen
- The Holy Innocents
- Saint Joseph
- Saint Mary Magdalene
- Saint Mary the Virgin
- Saint Michael and All Angels
- Saint James of Jerusalem
- Independence Day
- Thanksgiving Day

Lesser Feasts and Fasts

- Lesser Feasts and Fasts
- Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints
 - official revision of Lesser Feasts and Fasts
 - authorized by 2009 General Convention
 - pre-order available at:
www.churchpublishing.org and other sites
 - ISBN: 978-0-89869-637-0
- Brightest and Best: Companion to the Lesser Feasts and Fasts
 - Reflections on Scripture reading for the feast day of those listed in Lesser Feasts and Fasts 1997, focusing on a distinctive attribute of the saint or feast in the light of contemporary questions of faith, mission, and community
 - ISBN: 1561011487

Jan. 18

Confession of St. Peter

- http://satucket.com/lectionary/Confession_Peter.htm
- Collect: Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the Living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

Closing Prayer

- I Sing a Song of the Saints of God