

## SPIRITUAL CALENDAR 2009

<b>Makar Sankranti</b> (The sun begins to move northwards) Meaning: release from the darkness (ignorance) and return of the light (wisdom, knowledge)	Wednesday	14-01-2009
<b>Vasant Panchami</b> Birthday of Goddess Sarasvati (Wisdom)	Saturday	31-01-2009
<b>Maha Shivaratri</b> Night of worship and meditation to Lord Shiva	Monday	23-02-2009
<b>Holi (Purnima)</b> Festival of Prahlad. Lord Shiva protects and saves his Bhaktas.	Wednesday	11-03-2009
<b>Start of Spring-Navaratri ("Ramayana Week")</b> 9 days of fasting in honour to the Holy Mother, Indian New Year	Wednesday	25-03-2009
<b>Rama Navami</b> Birthday of Lord Rama	Friday	03-04-2009
<b>Hanuman Jayanti (Purnima)</b> Festival of Sri Hanuman	Thursday	09-04-2009
<b>Guru Purnima</b> Festival of the Guru, Birthday of Maharishi Ved-Vyasa	Tuesday	07-07-2009
<b>Sri Devpuriji's Mahasamadhi</b> (western calendar: 14-08)	Thursday	23-07-2009
<b>Swamiji's Birthday</b> (western calendar: 15-08)	Friday	24-07-2009
<b>Raksha-Bandhan (Purnima)</b> Festival of brothers and sisters	Thursday	06-08-2009
<b>Krishna Jayanti (Janmasthan)</b> Birthday of Lord Krishna	Friday	14-08-2009
<b>Ganesh Chaturthi</b> Festival of Lord Ganesha	Sunday	23-08-2009
<b>Holi Guruji's Birthday</b> (western calendar 11-09)	Monday	31-08-2009
<b>Pitr Purnima</b> Remembering of the ancestors	Friday	04-09-2009
<b>Start of Autumn-Navaratri</b> 9 days of fasting in honour to the Holy Mother	Saturday	19-09-2009
<b>Vijaya Dashami (Dassera)</b> Festival of Holy Mother Durga, day of victory of the good over evil, "Day of Enlightenment"	Monday	28-09-2009
<b>Gandhi Jayanti</b> Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, International day of non-violence	Friday	02-10-2009
<b>Sharad Purnima</b> Nectar from the Moon (milk-rice)	Sunday	04-10-2009
<b>Deepavali (Diwali) / Lakshmi Puja (New Year 2066)</b> Festival of Light, Return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya, Birthday of Mahaprabhuji / next day: Festival of Goddess Lakshmi (Wealth)	Saturday/Sunday	17/18-10-2009
<b>Holy Guruji's Mahasamadhi</b> (western calendar: 31-10)	Saturday	25-10-2009
<b>Sri Mahaprabhuji's Mahasamadhi</b> (western calendar: 05-12)	Saturday	05-12-2009