

MEANING

- “To re-join God the Father in heaven.”
- Celebration of the Christian belief that Jesus ascended to heaven forty days after being resurrected.

GREETINGS

- “Happy Ascension Day.”

WHEN

- The date of this annual celebration varies from year to year; it is usually on a Thursday coinciding with the fortieth day after Easter Sunday.
- All Christian holidays relating to Lent and Easter are moveable rather than fixed. Due to differences in religious calendars, Roman Catholic and Protestant Christians tend to celebrate holidays on days that are different than those observed by Eastern Orthodox Christians (such as Greek Orthodox Christians).



COMMON PRACTICES

- Christians may attend religious services on Thursday or on the ensuing Sunday.
- Some Christians may attend an all-night vigil.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

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Type of Calendar:

Gregorian, Julian



Ascension Day

English

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- Some Christians may request time off for religious observances. Students, staff, and faculty should be given the opportunity to reschedule any tests, exams or study or work activities that must be scheduled at this time.

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