MEANING
• “Manifestation.”
• Celebration of the Christian belief in the revelation of the infant Jesus to Gentiles (i.e., non-Jews).
• In Eastern Orthodox Christianity, Epiphany is also associated with the baptism of Jesus.

GREETINGS
• “Happy Three Kings Day.”

WHEN
• Most Christians (in the Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Protestant traditions) celebrate the Festival of Epiphany on January 6 of each year.
• The religious calendar of most Eastern Orthodox Christians (such as Greek Orthodox Christians) follows the Julian rather than the Gregorian calendar. Because of the difference between the two calendars, Epiphany falls on or near January 19 for most Eastern Orthodox Christians.

COMMON PRACTICES
• Popular Epiphany customs include Epiphany singing, having one’s house blessed, consuming Three Kings Cake, as well as attending religious services.

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• For some Christians, no interruption to normal work or academic activities usually takes place.
• Other Christians may request time off. 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.

Type of Calendar:
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