

# OCTOBER

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## YOM KIPPUR BEGINS AT SUNSET

High holy days of repentance and atonement in the Jewish calendar.

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## FEAST OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

This ancient celebration of the angels in our lives dates to the Fourth Century.

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## FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.

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## SUKKOT BEGINS AT SUNSET

Feast of the Tabernacles in the Jewish calendar: outdoor shelters; scent of etrog.

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## ST. DENIS' DAY

Sacred to France and especially to Paris.

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## INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Celebrates Native American peoples and their rich and varied cultures.

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## ST. LUKE'S DAY

Luke is a patron saint of artists.

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## DIWALI

The Festival of Lights in Hindu, Sikh, and Jain cultures.



*John Lewis Childs' Everlasting Pumpkin, 1913.*

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## APPLE TUESDAY

Ralph Waldo Emerson considered the apple our national fruit, and this holiday honoring it began in 1904 as Apple Day; it falls each autumn (like the leaves) on the Third Tuesday of October.

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## HALLOWE'EN, SAMHAIN

Mystery prevails on this autumnal night that ushers in a season of remembrance. Celtic Samhain lore suggests that here, at the crossroads to winter, the fabric separating the mystical and earthly worlds is at its most permeable, leading us to All Saints Day (All Hallows) on the First of November and All Souls Day on the Second: *Día de Los Muertos*. These are the Days of the Dead when we lovingly call to mind all who have come and gone before us. Hallowtide concludes with Martinmas on the Eleventh of November.



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Pumpkins: So full of possibilities and stories, and old seed catalog engravings capture these possibilities so well. This one, for a Long Island Cheese style pumpkin that was said to keep for a full year or more after harvest, is from the John Lewis Childs Seed Company, 1913. Just look at that abundant field! Convivio Book of Days October 2025