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# LEARNING THROUGH SCHOOL PROJECTS CULTURAL CALENDAR



# JANUARY 2021

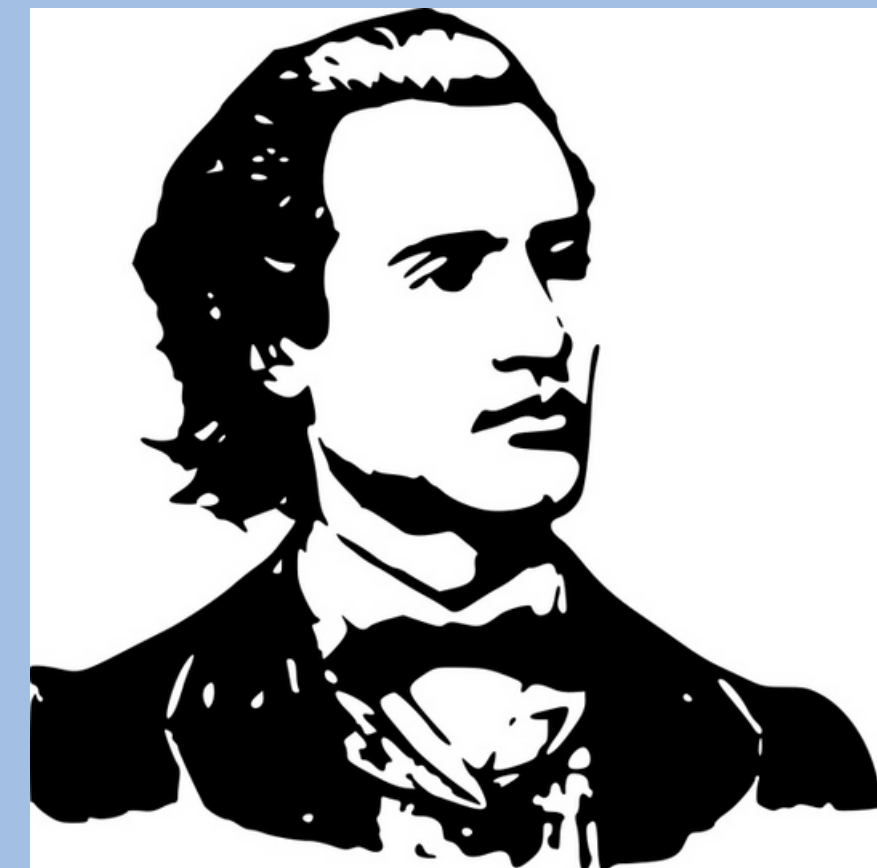
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 THREE HIERARCHS
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**6 EPIPHANY** is a Christian religious holiday which celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the Magi

**15 ROMANIAN NATIONAL CULTURE DAY** celebrates the birth of the greatest Romanian poet Mihai Eminescu

**30 THREE HIERARCHS** is a Greek school holiday celebrating the protectors of scholars





# FEBRUARY 2021



**CARNIVAL IN VENICE** The carnival usually lasts a couple of weeks but the most important are those between the last Thursday, and Tuesday known as MARTEDI GRASSO.

**24 DRAGOBETE** is a **Romanian** day of love. Dragobete was the son of Baba Dochia, which stands for the main character in the myth related to spring arrival and the end of the harsh winter.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6 VENICE CARNIVAL
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16 MARTEDI GRASSO	17	18	19	20
21 CARNIVAL IN GREECE	22	23	24 DRAGOBETE	25	26	27
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**14 SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY** honors the Christian martyr Saint Valentine, the patron saint of lovers





# MARCH 2021

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	1 MĂRȚIȘOR	2	3	4 TSIKNOPEM PTI	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 SAINT THEODORA	12	13 2ND CARNIVAL IN GREECE
14	15 ASH MONDAY IN GREECE	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY	26	27
28	29	30	31			



**1 Mărțișoris** a celebration at the beginning of spring, on March the 1st in Romania, Moldova, and all territories inhabited by Romanians. Mărțișor is the name for the red and white string with hanging tassel given on the 1st day of March.

**4 TSIKNOPEMPTI** signals the start of the last weekend that observant Greek Orthodox Church members are permitted to eat meat before fasting for Lent. It is common to have a barbecue that day.

**11 SAINT THEODORA** holiday of the protector of the town of Arta

**13** the second and largest carnival in Greece

**15 ASH MONDAY** in Greek Orthodox church is the beginning of the Easter fast

**25 GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY** marks the beginning of the revolution against the Ottoman Empire







# APRIL 2021

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				1	2	3
4 EASTER	5 EASTER MONDAY	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 THE BEGINNING OF RAMADAN	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 SAINT GEORGE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY DAY IN TURKEY	24
25 LIBERATION DAY IN ITALY	26	27	28	29	30	

**4 EASTER** is the most important Christian holiday which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Orthodox Christians celebrate it later.

**12 RAMADAN** is the ninth month of Muslim year during which Muslim fast

**23 NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY DAY** Turkey's Grand National Assembly opened its doors for the first time

**23** Christians celebrate **Saint George**, a Roman general of Greek origin and officer in the Guard of the Roman emperor Diocletian, who was sentenced to death for not renouncing the Christian faith

**25 LIBERATION DAY** is an Italian holiday which celebrates the liberation from Fascism and Nazi occupation in 1945



# MAY 2021

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY
2 EASTER ORTHODOX	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 MOTHER'S DAY	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 HOLY EMPERORS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN	22
23 PENTECOST	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 CROATIAN STATEHOOD DAY	31					

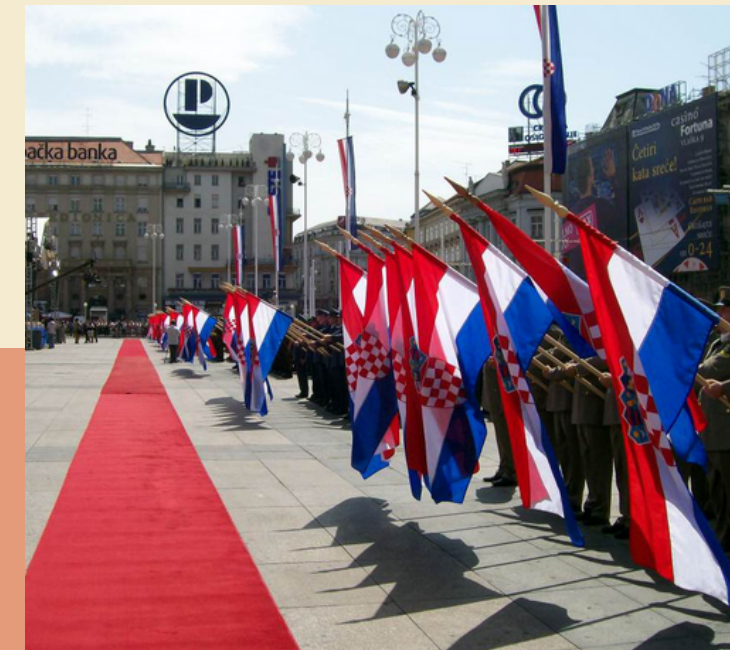
**1 LABOUR DAY** celebrates workers and working class and is a holiday in Italy, Romania, Turkey, Greece and Croatia

**9 MOTHER'S DAY** honors mothers and motherhood. In Italy, Croatia, Greece and Turkey it is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday in May while in Romania on the 1st Sunday.

**21 HOLY EMPERORS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN** is a holiday in the Byzantine calendar (used by Orthodox churches and churches united with Rome). It celebrates the emperor Constantine the Great and his mother, Elena Augusta.

**23 PENTECOST** celebrate the Descent of the Holy Spirit over the apostles. Orthodox Christians celebrate it in June

**30 CROATIAN STATEHOOD DAY** marks the constitution of the first modern Croatian Parliament





# JUNE 2021

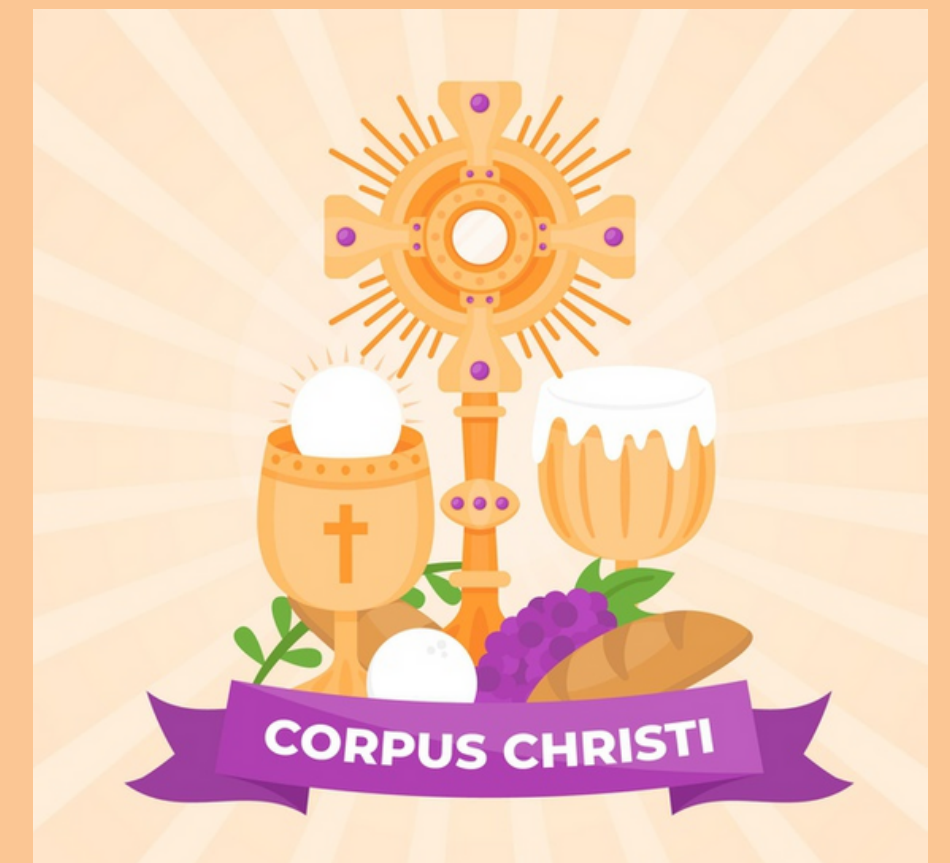
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		1	2 REPUBLIC DAY IN ITALY	3 CORPUS CHRISTI	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 PENTECOST	22 ANTI-FASCIST STRUGGLE DAY	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

**2 REPUBLIC DAY IN ITALY** marks the day Italy was proclaimed a republic in 1946

**3 CORPUS CHRISTI** celebrates the presence of the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ in the elements of the Eucharist

**22 ANTI-FASCIST STRUGGLE DAY** is a national holiday in Croatia which celebrates the uprising against the Nazis and fascism



# JULY 2021

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 SAINT ELIJAH SACRIFICE FEAST	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**20 SAINT ELIJAH** is considered to be the protector of the harvests and has remained in the history of the Orthodox Church as an example of faith and courage

**20 SACRIFICE FEAST** is a Muslim holiday which lasts four days. On this holiday those who are in a good financial situation help those in need.



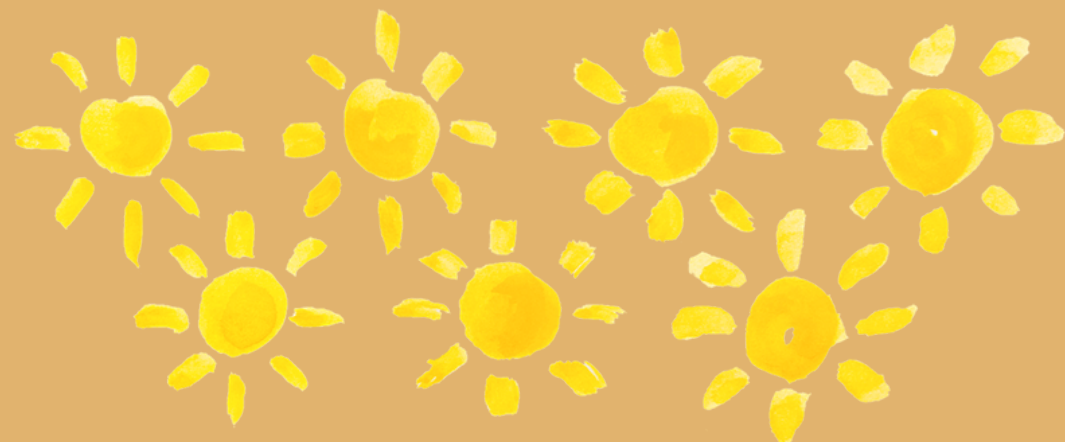


# AUGUST 2021

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1	2	3	4	5 VICTORY DAY	6	7
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15 ASSUMPTION OF MARY	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**5 VICTORY DAY** commemorates Croatian War of Independence

**15 ASSUMPTION OF MARY** is a Christian holiday which celebrates the day when Mary, mother of Jesus Christ was taken into the Heaven to live with her son. It is a national holiday in Croatia, Greece, Italy and Romania. In Italy the 15th is also the beginning of FERRAGOSTO, summer vacation period.



# SEPTEMBER 2021

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5	6	7	8 THE NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

**8 THE NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD** is a Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus





# OCTOBER 2021

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10	11	12	13	14 SAINT PARASCHEVA	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 OHI DAY NATIONAL DAY IN GREECE	29 REPUBLIC DAY OF TURKEY	30
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**14 SAINT PARASCHEVA** Romanians celebrate St Parascheva, a saint which is well known for her miracles. People from all over the country come to Iași, where her relics are kept at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

**28 OHI DAY** is a national day in Greece. It is the anniversary of the Greek Prime Minister Ioannis Metaxas rejecting an ultimatum received from Italian Dictator Benito Mussolini on this day in 1940

**29 REPUBLIC DAY IN TURKEY** commemorates the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey



# NOVEMBER 2021

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	1 ALL SAINTS' DAY	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 ATATURK MEMEMORIAL DAY	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 REMEMBRAN CE DAY	19	20
21	22	23	24 TEACHER'S DAY	25	26	27
28	29	30 SAINT ANDREW				

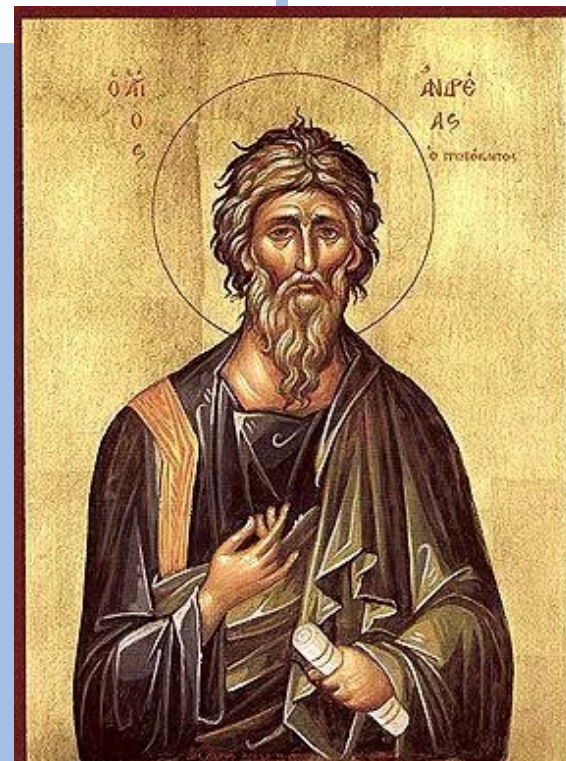
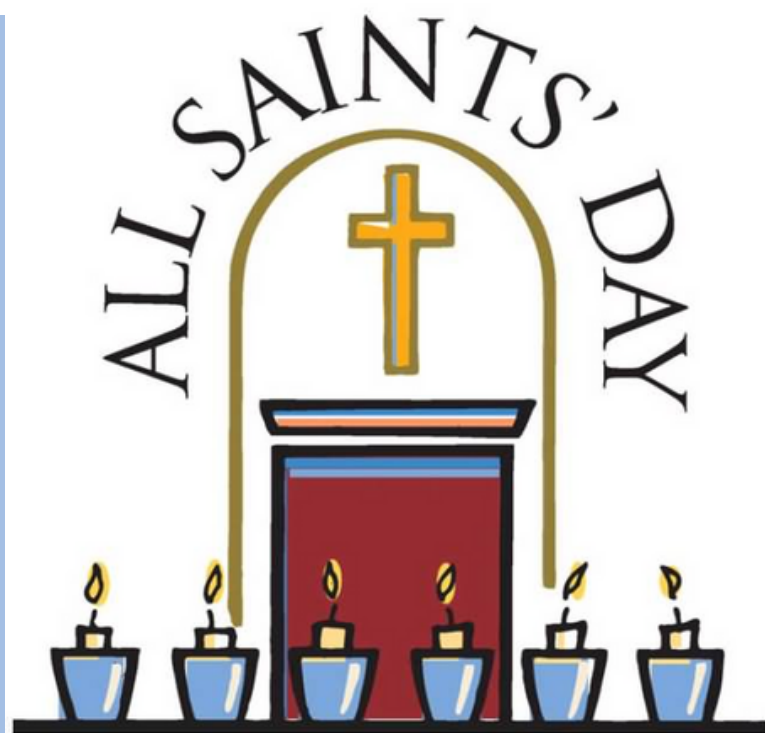
**1 ALL SAINTS' DAY** is a Christian holiday commemorating all the saints of the church. In Italy and Croatia it is celebrated on 1 November while Eastern Ortodox Church celebrates it on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

**10 ATATURK MEMORIAL DAY** commemorate one of the greatest Turkish leaders, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk who passed away that day

**17 NATIONAL DAY IN GREECE** which commemorates the students' uprising in 1973

**18 REMEMBRANCE DAY IN CROATIA** commemorates the victims of Homeland War

**30 SAINT ANDREW** is an important day for Romanians because Saint Andrew is considered to be their protector







# DECEMBER 2021



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			1	2	3	4
5	6 SAINT NICHOLAS	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS
26 SAINT STEPHEN'S DAY	27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	

**6 SAINT NICHOLAS DAY** Saint Nicholas is a Christian holiday (in Eastern Christian countries it is celebrated on 19th december) which commemorates the saint Nicholas, who is known for selling all his possessions and helping the poor. He is also the inspiration for Santa Claus.

**24 CHRISTMAS EVE** the day before the birth of Jesus Christ. People usually decorate Christmas tree and sing carols, traditional Christmas songs and go to the midnight mass.

**25 CHRISTMAS DAY** marks the birth of Jesus Christ.

**26 SAINT STEPHEN'S DAY** commemorates Christian martyr St Stephen and is a public holiday in Croatia and Italy. Eastern Christian churches celebrate it on 27th december.

