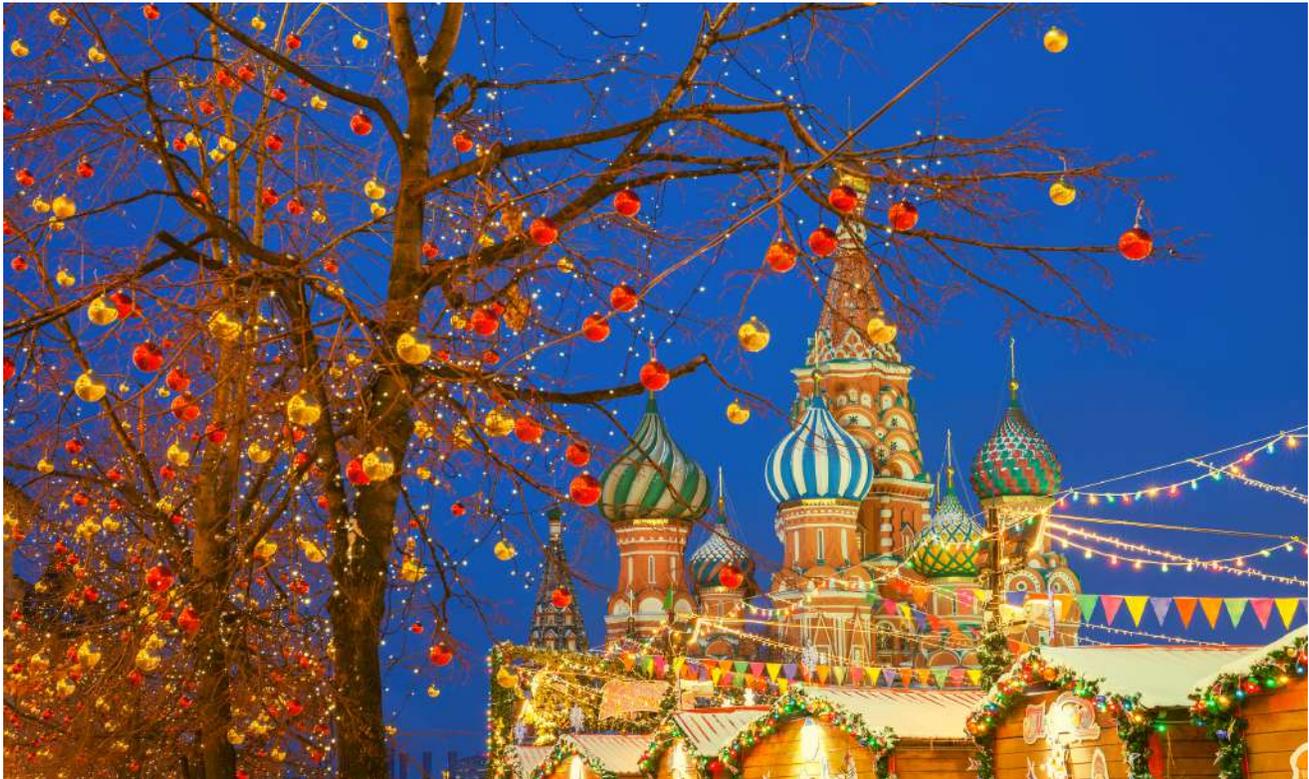


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Celebrate: Orthodox New Year - Jan. 14

By Deina Magallon - Interfaith Student Leader, BA

Orthodox New Year, also known as Old New Year, is celebrated on January 14 in the Gregorian calendar. It is widely celebrated by Orthodox communities in Russia, Serbia, Ukraine and other eastern European countries. Although most countries have adopted the Gregorian calendar where New Year's Day falls on January 1, the Orthodox Church follows the Julian calendar which places Christmas on January 7 and New Year's a week later. Orthodox New Year is not a federal public holiday in Canada but Orthodox Christians in many countries like Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States celebrate the start of a new year on January 14.

Orthodox New Year is a day where Orthodox Christians reflect on the previous year and contemplate resolutions for a New Year. For many, the day is full of customs that date back centuries including music, colourful dancing, delicious foods and time spent with family and friends. For those of you celebrating Orthodox New Year, best wishes for a happy and healthy year ahead!



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Meet our Student Leaders

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Kyoungeun Kim was born and raised in Seoul, South Korea, and moved to Calgary in 2019. Kyoungeun chose Calgary as her favorite city from the 25 countries she's traveled to. She is excited to start her new journey studying accounting at SAIT and exploring spirituality and new faith traditions.

Deina Magallon is a Business Administration student who grew up in the Philippines. In her leisure time, Deina is fond of editing videos and reading non-fiction. Deina believes in living a purpose driven life. Her mantra is that the only contagious thing in this world is kindness - so never stop being kind to yourself and to others!

Alefiya Mohammadi Sakir is an Architectural Technologies student who grew up in Gujarat, India. Alefiya came to Calgary in 2018 and began the Architectural Technology diploma at SAIT. She loves building design and architectural spaces that incorporate different architectural styles. Alefiya also loves fabric painting and spending time with family.

Oluwabamise Onifade is a New Media Production and Design student born and raised in Nigeria. Bamise has surmounted many of life's challenges and still believes that life is beautiful. Bamise is readily available for a chat and coffee; he will listen with a smile on his face and reassure you that the downfall of a person is not the end of their life. You can rise again.



Did you know?

SAIT Interfaith Centre Student Leaders, along with Chaplain Art Kung, are hosting a weekly **Interfaith Interface** gathering every Friday during the winter semester.

Interfaith Interface is a safe, inclusive and inspiring activity where students from different spiritual backgrounds and diverse cultures come together to engage in thought-provoking dialogue. Sharing and learning from one another can help to enhance our sense of purpose and better understand our place in the bigger picture. We look forward to seeing you there!

[Join Interfaith Interface Fridays online](#) from noon - 12:50 for genuine conversation and spiritual growth.