

## 2012 RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

January 1	New Year's Day
January 5	Eve of the Nativity and Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ
January 6	Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of Our Lord
January 7	Remembrance of the Dead
January 13	Feast of the naming of our Lord Jesus Christ
January 14	Feast of the Birth of St. John the Forerunner
January 15	First Sunday after the Octave of Theophany
January 17	St. Antony the Hermit
January 21	Holy Father Athanasius & Cyril
January 22	Second Sunday after the Octave of Theophany
January 24	St. Vahan of Goghtn
January 28	St. Gregory the Theologian
January 29	Paregentan of the Fast of Catechumens
February 3	Remembrance of the Prophet Jonah
February 4	St. Sarkis the Warrior
February 5	Sunday of Catechumens
February 11	Catholicos St. Sahag Parthev
February 14	Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple St. Leontius the Priest and His Companions
February 16	St. Vartan the Warrior and His Companions
February 18	150 fathers of the Holy Council of Constantinople (AD 381)
February 19	Great Paregentan
February 20	First day of Lent
February 25	St. Theodore the Warrior
February 26	Sunday of the Expulsion
March 3	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
March 4	Sunday of Prodigal Son
March 10	Sts. John of Jerusalem, John of Otzoon, John of Orotni and Gregory of Datev
March 11	Sunday of the Steward
March 14	Median day of Lent
March 17	Forty Martyrs of Sebastia
March 18	Sunday of the Judge
March 24	St. Gregory the Enlightener (Commitment to the Pit)
March 25	Sunday of Advent
March 31	Remembrance of the Raising of Lazarus
April 1	Palm Sunday
April 3	Remembrance of the Ten Virgins
April 5	Holy Thursday
April 6	Holy Friday
April 7	Holy Saturday Annunciation to the Virgin Mary

April 8	Easter: Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord
April 9	Remembrance of the Dead
April 15	Octave of Easter (New Sunday)
April 22	Sunday of the World Church (Green Sunday)
April 24	Armenian Martyrs Day – 97 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
April 29	Red Sunday
May 6	Apparition of the Holy Cross
May 10	Sixth Sunday of Eastertide Mother's Day
May 17	Feast of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ
May 20	Second Palm Sunday
May 27	Pentecost
June 3	Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah
June 4	St. Hripsime and her companions
June 5	St. Gayane and her companions
June 9	St. Gregory the Enlightener – Deliverance from the Pit
June 10	Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin
June 16	Catholicos St. Nerses the Great
June 17	Father's day
June 19	Sts. Constantine the Emperor and his mother Helen
June 23	St. Gregory the Enlightener (Discovery of his Relics)
June 24	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 26	St. Daniel the Prophet and companions Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
June 28	Holy Translators Sahag and Mesrob
June 30	Sts. Tiridates the King and Queen Ashkhen
July 1	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 3	St. Zechariah the Prophet
July 5	St. Elisha the Prophet
July 7	Twelve Holy Apostles of Christ and St. Paul, the thirteenth apostle
July 8	Barekendan of the Fast of Transfiguration
July 15	Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord
July 16	Remembrance of the Dead
July 19	St. Isaiah the Prophet
July 21	Sts Thaddeus the Apostle and Sandoukht the Virgin
July 22	Second Sunday after Transfiguration
July 23	St. Cyprian the Bishop
July 28	Sons and grandsons of St. Gregory the Enlightener
July 29	Third Sunday after Transfiguration
July 30	Sts. Maccabeem Eleazar the Priest, Samona and her seven sons
August 4	200 Fathers of the Holy Council of Ephesus (AD 431)
August 5	Barekendan of the Fast of Assumption
August 12	Assumption of the Holy Mother of God

August 13 Remembrance of the Dead  
 August 21 Sts. Joachim and Anna, parents of the holy Mother-Of-God  
 August 23 St. Jeremiah the Prophet  
 August 28 Holy Prophets Ezekiel, Ezra and Zechariah, Father of John the Baptist

September 1 318 fathers of the Holy Council of Nicaea (AD 325)  
 September 2 Fourth Sunday after the Assumption  
 September 8 Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Mother-of-God  
 September 9 Barekendan of the Fast of Exaltation  
**September 16 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
 September 17 Remembrance of the Dead  
 September 23 Barekendan of the Fast of the Holy Cross of Varak  
 September 25 Holy Virginia Febronia and Maryann, and Shushan, daughter of Great Vartan  
 September 29 St. George the Warrior  
**September 30 Holy Cross of Varak**

October 6 Seventy-two Holy Disciples of Christ  
 October 7 Fourth Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
 October 13 Holy Translators Mesrob, Yeghishe, Moses the Poet, David the Philosopher, Gregory of Narek and Nerses the Graceful  
 October 14 Fifth Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
 October 20 Holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John  
 October 21 Sixth Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
**October 28 Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross**

November 1 St. John Chrysostom  
**November 3 Feast of All Saints, Old and New, known and unknown**  
 November 4 Eighth Sunday after Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
 November 10 Holy Archangels Gabriel and Michael  
 November 18 Tenth Sunday after Exaltation  
 Barekendan of the Fast of Advent  
**November 21 Presentation of the Holy Mother of God**  
**November 25 First Sunday of Advent**

December 1 Holy Apostles Thaddeus and Bartholomew, First Enlighteners of Armenia  
**December 2 Second Sunday of Advent**  
 December 8 St. Nicholas the Wonderworker  
**December 9 Conception of the Holy Mother of God**  
 Pargentan of the Fast of St. James  
 December 10 St. Minas the Egyptian  
 December 15 St. James, Bishop of Nisibis  
**December 16 Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 December 22 Holy Fathers Basil, Gregory of Nissa, Sylvester of Rome, and Ephrem the Syrian  
**December 23 Fifth Sunday of Advent**  
 December 24 St. David the Prophet-King and the Holy Apostles James, Brother of the Lord  
**December 25 Latin Christmas Day**

**St. Stephen the Protodeacon and first martyr**

December 27 Holy Apostles Peter and Paul

December 29 Holy Apostles James and John, "Sons of Thunder"  
Barekendan of the Fast of Nativity

**December 30 Sixth Sunday of Advent**