

## **2016 Religious Calendar**

### **January**

January 1	Third Day of the Fast of the Nativity
January 2	Fourth Day of the Fast of the Nativity
January 3	Fifth Day of the Fast of the Nativity
January 4	Sixth Day of the Fast of the Nativity
January 5	Christmas Eve
January 6	Christmas and Epiphany
January 7	Second Day of Nativity
January 13	Eight Day of Nativity - Naming of our Lord Jesus Christ
January 14	Birth of St. John the Forerunner
January 16	Sts. Peter the Patriarch, Bishop Blaise, Deacon Absolom
January 17	First Sunday after Nativity -Eve of the Feast of the Catechumens
January 23	St. Sarkis
January 24	Second Sunday after Nativity – Sunday of Catechumens
January 25	Sts. Adom and Generals
January 26	Sts. Sookias and Martyrs
January 28	Sts. Voski and Priests
January 30	St. Sahag Bartev
January 31	Third Sunday after Nativity

### **February**

February 2	Sts. Ghevont and Priests
February 4	Sts. Vartanank
February 6	The 15- Holy fathers of the Holy Council of Constantinople (381 A.D.)
February 7	Poon Paregentan – Eve of the Great Lent
February 8	First day of Lent
February 13	St. Theodore the Warrior
February 14	Second Sunday of Great Lent – Expulsion – Presentation of the Lord
February 20	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
February 21	Third Sunday of Great Lent – The Prodigal Son
February 27	St. John, Bishop of Jerusalem, and our Holy Fathers John of Otsoon (Hovhan Otsnetsi) John of Vorodan (Hovhan Vorodnetsi), and Gregory of Datev (Krikor Datevatsi)
February 28	Fourth Sunday of Great Lent – The Steward

### **March**

March 2	Median Day of Great Lent - Michink
March 6	Fifth Sunday of Great Lent – The Judge
March 12	St. Gregory the Illuminator – His Passion and Descent into the pit
March 13	Sixth Sunday of Great Lent – Advent
March 19	Remembrance of Christ’s Raising of Lazarus
March 20	Palm Sunday
March 21	Great Monday
March 22	Great Tuesday
March 23	Great Wednesday
March 24	Great Thursday – Washing of the Feet
March 25	Great Friday – The Commemoration of Christ’s Passion, Crucifixion and Death

March 26 Great Saturday – Easter Eve  
March 27 Easter

### **April**

April 3 New Sunday  
April 7 Annunciation of the Holy Mother of God  
April 10 Green Sunday  
April 17 Red Sunday  
April 24 Apparition of the Holy Cross – Commemoration of the Martyrs of 1915

### **May**

May 1 Fifth Sunday after Easter  
May 5 Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ  
May 8 Second Palm Sunday  
May 15 Pentecost – Eve of the Fast of Elijah  
May 22 First Sunday after Pentecost  
May 23 Sts. Hripsimiank  
May 24 Sts. Kayaniank  
May 26 St. John the Baptist  
May 28 St. Gregory the Illuminator – Deliverance from the pit  
May 29 Second Sunday after Pentecost – Feast of Holy Echmiadzin  
May 30 The Holy Children of Bethlehem  
May 31 Sts. Nooneh and Maneh the Virgins

### **June**

June 2 Sts. Sahag and Hovsep the Princes and Sts. Sarkis and Pacchus the Martyrs  
June 4 Sts. Nerses the Great and Bishop Khat  
June 5 Third Sunday after Pentecost – Eve of the Fast of our Holy Father St. Gregory the Illuminator  
June 6 St. Epiphanius of Cyprus and St. Babylas  
June 7 Sts. King Constantine (emperor) and his mother Helena  
June 11 Discovery of the relics of St. Gregory the Illuminator  
June 12 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 14 Sts. Daniel the prophet and the three young men – Shadrach (Setrak), Meshach (Misak) and Abednego (Apetnakov)  
June 16 Our Holy Translators Sts. Sahag and Mesrob  
June 18 Sts. King Tiridates (Drtad), Queen Ashkhen and Khosrovitookht  
June 19 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Feast of the Discovery of the Box of the Theotokos  
June 21 Prophet Zechariah  
June 23 Prophet Elisha  
June 25 The 12 Apostles of Christ and St. Paul the 13<sup>th</sup> Apostle  
June 26 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – Eve of the Fast of Transfiguration

### **July**

July 2 Commemoration of the Old Ark (of the covenant) and the Feast of the New One – The Holy Church  
July 3 Transfiguration – Vartavar

July 7	Prophet Isaiah
July 9	Sts. Thaddeus (Jude) the apostle and Santookht the virgin
July 10	Second Sunday of Transfiguration
July 11	St. Cyprian (Gibrianos)
July 14	The Holy Forefathers: Adam, Abel, Seth, Enosh, Enoch, Noah, Melchizadek, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, Eleazar, Joshua, Samuel, Samson, Jephthah, Barak, Gideon, and others
July 16	Sons and grandsons of St. Gregory our Illuminator: Sts. Arisdages, Vrtanes, Hoosig, Krikoris, and Taniel
July 17	Third Sunday of Transfiguration
July 18	The Holy Maccabees, Eleazar the priest, Shamouneh (Solomoniah) and her seven sons
July 19	The Twelve Holy Prophets: Hosea, Amos, Micah, Joel, Obadiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Jonah, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi
July 21	Sts. Sophia and her three daughters Pistis, Elpis and Agape
July 23	Sts. Peter the Patriarch, Bishop Blaise, Deacon Absolom
July 24	Fourth Sunday of transfiguration
July 25	St. Anthony the Hermit
July 26	St. King Theodosius
July 28	Giragos and his mother Julita
July 30	St. Athanasius, St. Cyril, and St. Gregory the Theologian
July 31	Fifth Sunday of Transfiguration

### **August**

August 1	St. Vahan of Koghtun
August 6	The 200 Fathers of the Holy Council of Ephesus (431 A.D.)
August 7	Sixth Sunday of Transfiguration – Eve of the Fast of the Assumption
August 13	Shoghagat – Feast of Echmiadzin
August 14	Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God
August 21	First Sunday after the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God
August 23	Sts. Joachim and Anna – parents of the Holy Mother of God and the oil bearing women
August 25	Prophet Jeremiah
August 27	The Holy Apostles Thomas, James and Simon
August 28	Second Sunday after the Assumption – Feast of the Discovery of the belt of the Theotokos
August 29	St. Stepanos Oolnya
August 30	The Prophets Ezekial, Ezra, and Zechariah, the father of John the Baptism

### **September**

September 1	St. John the Baptist and Job the Righteous
September 3	The 318 Fathers of the Holy Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.)
September 4	Third Sunday after the Assumption – Eve of the fast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 8	Birth of the Holy Virgin Mary Mother of God
September 10	Navagadik
September 11	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 18	Second Sunday of the Exaltation – Eve of the Fast of the Holy Cross of Varak
September 20	St. Shooshan, the daughter of Vartan the Great
September 24	St. George (Kevork) the Warrior and St. Romanus the Melodist
September 25	Third Sunday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak
September 29	Sts. Sahag and Hamazasb the Princes

## **October**

October 1	The 72 Holy Disciples of Christ
October 2	Fourth Sunday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
October 3	St. Irenaeus of Lyons
October 4	Sts. Thekla and Barbara the virgins
October 8	The Holy Translators – Mesrob, Yeghishe, Movses the Poet, Tavit the Philosopher, Gregory of Nareg, Nerses of Kla (grace-filled)
October 9	Fifth Sunday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
October 10	Sts. Tatul, Varos, Thomas, Anthony, Kronites the hermits and the seven Khodajarags
October 11	Holy Apostles Ananias, Matthias, Barnabas, Philip, John, Silas and Silvanus
October 13	Sts. Dionysius the Areopagite and Apostles Timothy and Titus
October 15	The Holy Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
October 16	Sixth Sunday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
October 17	Sts. Joseph, Longinus the centurion, Joseph of Arimathea, Lazarus, Martha and Mary
October 22	The 12 Holy Teachers – Doctors – of the Church: Hierotheus of Athens, Dionysius the Areopagite, Sylvester of Rome, Athanasius of Alexandria, Cyril of Jerusalem, Ephrem the Syrian, Basil of Caesarea, Gregory of Nyssa, Gregory the Theologian, Epiphanius of Cyprus, John Chrysostom, and Cyril of Alexandria
October 23	Seventh Sunday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Discovery of the Holy Cross
October 29	St. John Chrysostom
October 30	Eight Sunday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

## **November**

November 5	The Holy Archangels Gabriel and Michael and all the Heavenly Hosts
November 6	Ninth Sunday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
November 12	The Holy Apostles Andrew and Philip
November 13	Tenth Sunday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
November 14	Sts. Andrew the Commander and his Soldiers
November 17	Sts. Abraham and Khoren
November 19	All Saints – old and new, known and unknown
November 20	Eleventh Sunday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Eve of the fast of Advent
November 21	Presentation of the Holy Mother of God
November 27	First Sunday of Advent

## **December**

December 1	St. Clement
December 3	The Holy Apostles and our First Illuminator Thaddeus and Bartholomew
December 4	Second Sunday of Advent
December 6	King Apkar
December 8	Paulus, Paul, Magar, Evagrius, John (Kpetsi), John the Short, Nilus, Arsenius, Siseos, Daniel, Serapion, Macarius, Poeman, and the other Holy fathers of Egypt
December 9	Conception of the Holy Virgin Mary
December 10	St. Nicholas the Wonderworker
December 11	Third Sunday of Advent – Eve of the Fast of St. Hagop
December 12	St. Minas
December 17	St. James of Nisibis (Hagop Medzpnatsi), Marouke the hermit and Melitus the bishop
December 18	Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19	St. Ignatius of Antioch and Addai

December 24 St. David the Prophet and James the Apostle  
December 25 Fifth Sunday of Advent  
December 26 St. Stephen the Proto-Deacon and the First Martyr  
December 27 The Holy Apostles Peter and Paul  
December 29 St. James the Apostle and John the Evangelist – Eve of the Fast of the nativity  
December 30 First Day of the Fast of Nativity  
December 31 Second Day of the Fast of Nativity