

Commemoration of St. Kirakos and his mother Judithah

Judithah was a God-loving and pious woman. She had a three-year-old son, whose name was Kirakos. When persecutions against the Christians began, she left for Tarson. But she did not live a quiet and peaceful life there as the persecutions were being continued in Tarson, too. The saint woman was imprisoned and subjected to torments. Little Kirakos, seeing his mother's sufferings cried, but despite the judge's kindness and warm attitude, he was strengthened by his faith towards Christ and all the time repeated his mother's words: "I am Christian and I worship Jesus Christ". The baby tried by all means to get free from the judge's hands and to go to his mother. He struck the judge in the hand and the annoyed judge threw the baby down the stairs. Knocking his head against a stone, the baby died. His mother rendered glory to God that her son was martyred, but did not betray Our Savior Jesus Christ. She was subjected to indescribable torments and finally was beheaded. This event took place in 305 AD. The Armenian Church has dedicated a church hymn to St. Kirakos.

When is celebrated

24.07.2008
22.01.2009
21.01.2010
24.01.2011
23.01.2012
29.07.2013
21.01.2014
22.01.2015
28.07.2016
23.01.2017
30.07.2018
21.01.2019
21.01.2020
21.01.2021
24.01.2022
23.01.2023
29.06.2024
21.01.2025
22.01.2026
27.07.2027
24.01.2028
30.07.2029

21.01.2030