

## Commemoration of the Pontiff St. Sahak Partev

Pontiff St. Sahak Partev was the elder son of Catholicos St. Nersess the Great, and the last Catholicos of the Armenian Church who descended from the lineage of St. Gregory the Illuminator. He became Catholicos of All Armenians in 387 A.D., and reigned for an astounding 52 years. Being talented in music and educated in the rhetorical arts, philosophy and linguistics, St. Sahak greatly contributed to the development of Armenian national culture. He was the strongest advocate for the creation of an Armenian Alphabet, and became its chief patron.

Following the creation of the Armenian Alphabet, St. Sahak and St. Mesrop opened a school for translators in the city of Vagharshapat (Etchmiadzin). There they begin the translation of the Holy Bible into Armenian and did it so perfectly, that centuries hence the Armenian Translation is called the “Queen Translation of the Breath of God”. The first sentence translated from the Holy Bible is the opening verse of the Book of Proverbs: “To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding”.

### When is celebrated

26.01.2008  
31.01.2009  
06.02.2010  
26.02.2011  
11.02.2012  
02.02.2013  
22.02.2014  
07.02.2015  
30.01.2016  
18.02.2017  
03.02.2018  
23.02.2019  
15.02.2020  
06.02.2021  
19.02.2022  
11.02.2023  
03.02.2024  
22.02.2025  
07.02.2026

30.01.2027

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