Commemoration of the Prophet Jonah

Prophet Jonah is one of the minor prophets of the Holy Bible. In the Book of Jonah of the Old Testament is a narrative describing the adventures of the Prophet Jonah. By the Lord's command Jonah was sent to Nineveh to preach the heathens and tried, in every way, to disobey God's command. However, in the end his attempts were in vain. By the Lord's command, a large fish swallowed Jonah, and he remained inside the fish for three days and three nights. Only after Jonah's prayer and redemption did the Lord allow the fish to free Jonah. This time he obeyed the Lord's command and went to Nineveh. On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, even the king, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

Later Christ brings the example of the Prophet Jonah to the Pharisees asking for a divine sign.

The Armenian Apostolic Church commemorates the memory of the Prophet Jonah always during the period of the fast of Catechumens symbolizing that thanks to sincere repentance one may deserve God's mercy.

When is celebrated

19.01.2008
06.02.2009
29.01.2010
18.02.2011
03.02.2012
25.01.2013
13.02.2014
30.01.2015
22.01.2016
10.02.2017
26.01.2018
15.02.2019
07.02.2020

29.01.2021
11.02.2022
03.02.2023
26.01.2024
13.02.2025
30.01.2026
22.01.2027
11.02.2028
26.01.2029
15.02.2030