

Commemoration of St. John the Forerunner (the Baptist) and Bishop Atanagine

The Armenian Church commemorates the day when the relics of St. John the Forerunner (the Baptist) and Bishop Atanagine were transferred to Armenia. Mariam, the wife of St. Gregory the Illuminator, had a brother named Atanagine. He was the Bishop of Pitacton, and died while defending the faith. After his consecration in Caesarea, St. Gregory brought the relics of St. John and Bishop Atanagine to Armenia, and buried them in locations named Innaknya and Bagavan, in the region of Ashtishat, and built martyriums in those sites. After baptizing King Tiridates and the royal court in 301 AD, St. Gregory the Illuminator celebrated Divine Liturgy and gave instructions that the memories of the St. John and Bishop Atanagine should be commemorated on that specific day of every year instead of the feast of Vanatour, the pagan god of the New Year.

When is celebrated

22.05.2008
11.06.2009
03.06.2010
23.06.2011
07.06.2012
30.05.2013
19.06.2014
04.06.2015
26.05.2016
15.06.2017
31.05.2018
20.06.2019
11.06.2020
03.06.2021
16.06.2022
08.06.2023
30.05.2024
19.06.2025
04.06.2026
27.05.2027
15.06.2028
31.05.2029
20.06.2030

