

Commemoration of Sts. Martyrs Gordios, Poghiktos and Grigoris

Gordios was a Captain from Caesaria. His parents were pious Christians. He served in the Royal Army during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian's. Witnessing many cases of unfairness and injustice, he was isolated and devoted himself to God. When the Emperor Likianus started the persecutions against Christians, Gordios went to Caesaria and confessed to the heathen crowd that he was Christian and started to preach them the Truth. He was imprisoned and forced to offer sacrifice to the idols. But St. Gordios remained unshaken in his faith. After severe torments he passed away in 320 AD. Christians gathered his relics and buried them.

Poghiktos is the first martyr of the Armenian town Melitene. Thanks to his friend he adopted Christianity. He prohibited the reading of the King's Charter before the idols and tore it into pieces. For that deed he was martyred being beheaded. in 259 AD.

Grigoris has been martyred in 549 AD as the result of persecutions of the Persian king Denshapouh. Grigoris was Persian by nationality. Before baptism his name was Manajhr. During the reign of the Armenian Governor Mzhezh Gnouni he left for Armenia and was baptized and received a new name – Grigoris. Afterwards he entered a monastery and began to lead monastic life. When the King Denshapouh came to Armenia and found out that in the past Grigoris had been fire-worshipper, forced him to return to his old faith. But St. Grigoris did not betray Christ and was martyred.

When is celebrated

28.07.2008
22.01.2009
02.08.2010
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
02.08.2021
24.01.2022
23.01.2023
29.06.2024
21.01.2025
22.01.2026
29.07.2027
24.01.2028
30.07.2029
21.01.2030