

## **Commemoration of the Apostles St. Thaddeus and St. Bartholomew, the first preachers of Christianity in Armenia**

Apostles St. Thaddeus and St. Bartholomew were two of the twelve Apostles of Christ, who came to Armenia and preached Christianity in Armenia deserving the title “the first illuminators”. Still at the dawn of Christianity they were martyred in Armenia. It was the result of their preaching and martyrdom that the Armenian people, being the first nation in the world, proclaimed Christianity as the state religion. Indeed, Apostles St. Thaddeus and St. Bartholomew played an important role in the history of 2000-year-old Christian Armenian nation which has unshaken faith and keen love towards its Mother Church.

Each year a Divine Liturgy is celebrated in the Cathedral of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in the memory of St. Apostles.

### **When is celebrated**

29.11.2008  
28.11.2009  
04.12.2010  
03.12.2011  
01.12.2012  
30.11.2013  
29.11.2014  
28.11.2015  
03.12.2016  
02.12.2017  
01.12.2018  
30.11.2019  
28.11.2020  
04.12.2021  
03.12.2022  
02.12.2023  
30.11.2024  
29.11.2025  
28.11.2026  
04.12.2027  
02.12.2028

01.12.2029  
30.11.2030