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ST. JAMES ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

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We cordially invite our faithful
to celebrate the

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FEAST OF
STS. THADDEUS AND
BARTHOLOMEW

Կիրակի, Դեկտեմբեր 3, 2017
Պատարագի սկիզբը՝ 10:00

Sunday, December 3, 2017
Divine Liturgy begins at 10:00 am

Բարեխօսութեան աղօթք

Prayer of intercession

*Պատարագի վերջաւորութեանը
հաւատացեալները կը ստանան
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Բարդուղիմէոս Առաքեալներու
մասունքներով*

*Veneration of the relics
of Sts. Thaddeus and
Bartholomew*



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**COMMEMORATION OF THE APOSTLES STS. THADDEUS AND BARTHOLOMEW,
THE FIRST PREACHERS OF CHRISTIANITY IN ARMENIA**

The Apostles Thaddeus and Bartholomew brought Christianity to Armenia, earning the title "the first illuminators," and were eventually martyred there for their religious activity. It was the result of their ministry and martyrdom that Armenia became the first nation to proclaim Christianity as its state religion. Indeed, Sts. Thaddeus and Bartholomew played an important role in the 2000-year old history of Armenian Christianity, whose followers' keen faith and love for their Mother Church remain unshaken. The Feast has been included in the Armenian Apostolic Church Calendar since the nineteenth century.

St. Thaddeus came to Armenia about 43 AD to preach Christianity. He was martyred in southeastern Armenia. His tomb lies in the Armenian monastery or St. Thaddeus (Iran) where a chapel was built in the third century. St. Bartholomew is believed to have arrived in Armenia about 66 AD. He was martyred in Hadamakert, southeast of Lake Van.

An apostle is "someone who is sent"-an emissary or ambassador of the Kingdom of God, sent to announce the Kingdom's coming in Jesus Christ, and authorized to claim men and women's allegiance to Him. "We are ambassadors for Christ, god making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God," (2 Corinthians 5:20).

On the Feats of Sts. Taddeus and Bartholomew faithful will receive blessing by the relics of two apostles at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

