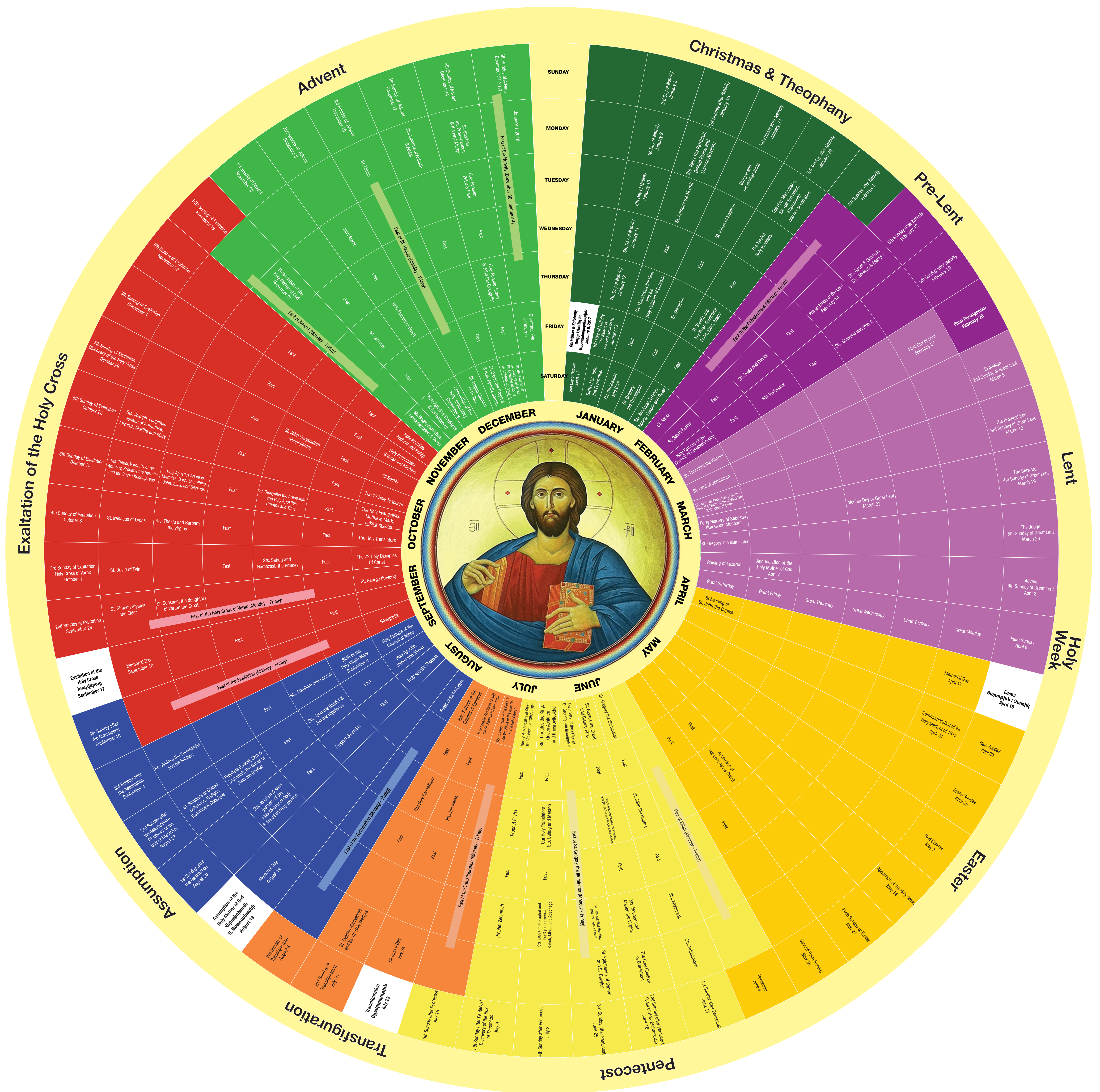


2017 Liturgical Calendar of the Armenian Apostolic Church



Basic Facts

- The Armenian Church year begins with the Feast of the Nativity and Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ celebrated on January 6.
- Easter is the central feast of the Christian Church, celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- The Easter date, which varies between March 22 and April 25, determines the dates of all other moveable feasts.

- Sunday is the first day of the week, the day Jesus rose from the dead, the **Lord's day**.
- Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays are **saints' days** – except during the weekdays of Great Lent and the 50 days of Easter.
- Wednesdays and Fridays are **days of fasting** – except during the eight days of Christmas and from Easter to Ascension (40 days).
- Other Fast Days:
 - 10 week-long fasts (from Monday to Friday) preceding the five major feasts and other festivals
 - Great Lent and Holy Week fast

The Five Major Feasts of the Armenian Church:

- Nativity (Christmas) and Epiphany – January 6
- Easter – Resurrection (between March 22 and April 25)
- Transfiguration (14 Sundays after Easter)
- Assumption of the Holy Mother of God (observed on the Sunday closest to August 15)
- Exaltation of the Holy Cross (observed on the Sunday closest to September 14)