

## Hieromartyr Gregory the Bishop of Greater Armenia

The Hieromartyr Gregory, Enlightener of Greater Armenia, was born in the year 257. He was a faithful servant to Tiridates, who after ascending the throne demanded Gregory renounce the Christian faith, and he gave his faithful servant over to cruel tortures. At the time of these sufferings Saint Gregory sang Psalms. In prison the Lord healed all his wounds. When Gregory again stood before the emperor cheerful and unharmed, he was astonished and gave orders to repeat the torments. Saint Gregory endured them, not wavering, with all his former determination and bearing. They then poured hot tin over him and threw him into a pit filled with vipers. The Lord, however, saved His chosen one: the snakes did him no harm. Saint Gregory remained in the pit for fourteen years.

When Saint Gregory was released from the pit, he began to preach to the people, urging them to turn away from the darkness of idolatry and toward Christ. Soon all of Armenia was converted to Christ. Saint Gregory ordained priests, established schools, founded monasteries, and provided for the good order of the Church. Saint Gregory went into the wilderness, where he departed to the Lord.

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