

ISRAEL DURING THE TIME OF JESUS



Jesus Travels

Jerusalem - The capital and a central location for many events in the life of Jesus, including the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection (Easter time)

Bethlehem - The birthplace of Jesus, where the Nativity took place (Christmas time)

Nazareth - The town where Jesus grew up and spent his early life

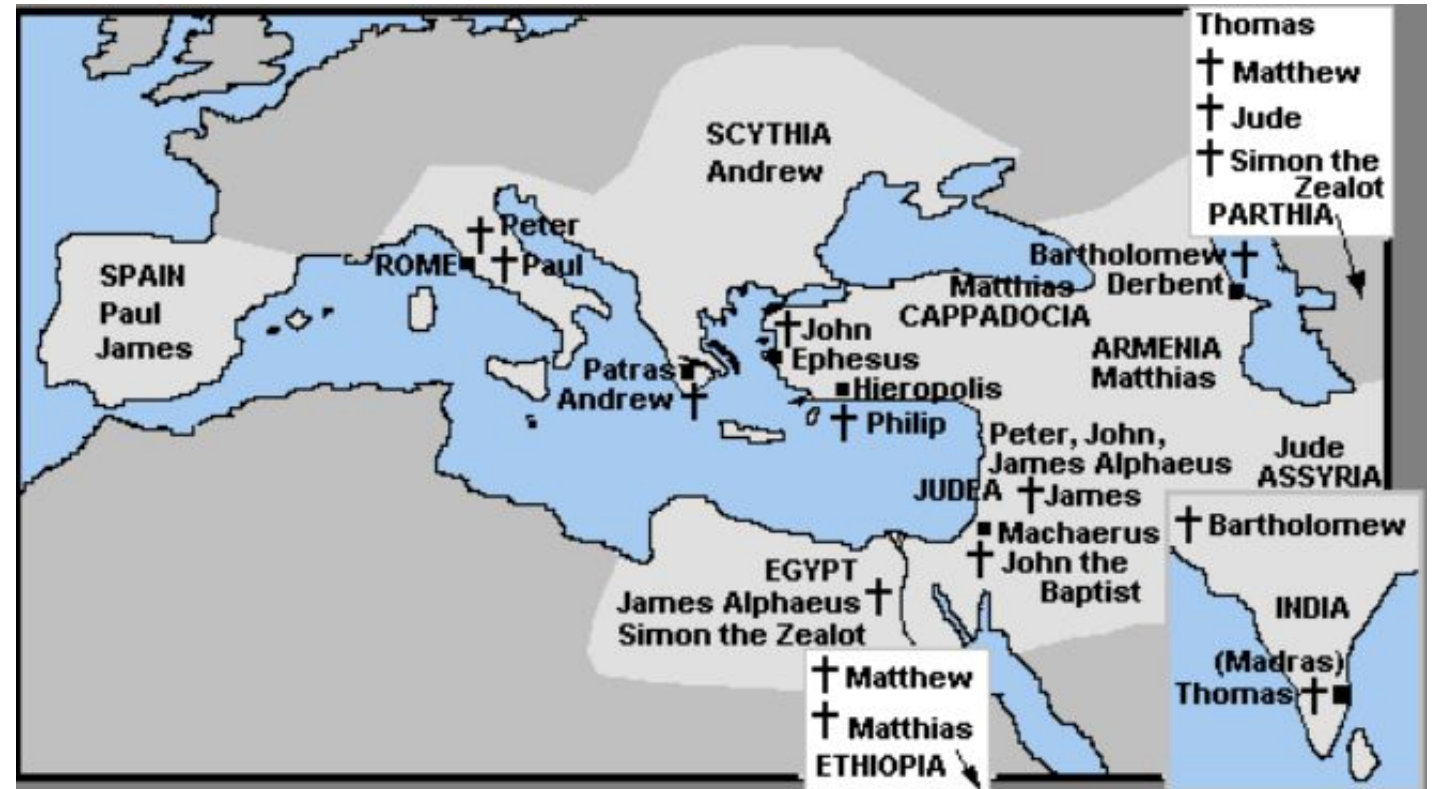
Galilee - A region where much of Jesus' ministry occurred. The Sea of Galilee is associated with several miracles, including the feeding of the 5,000

Jordan River - The site of Jesus' Baptism by John the Baptist



“Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

Matthew 28:19-20

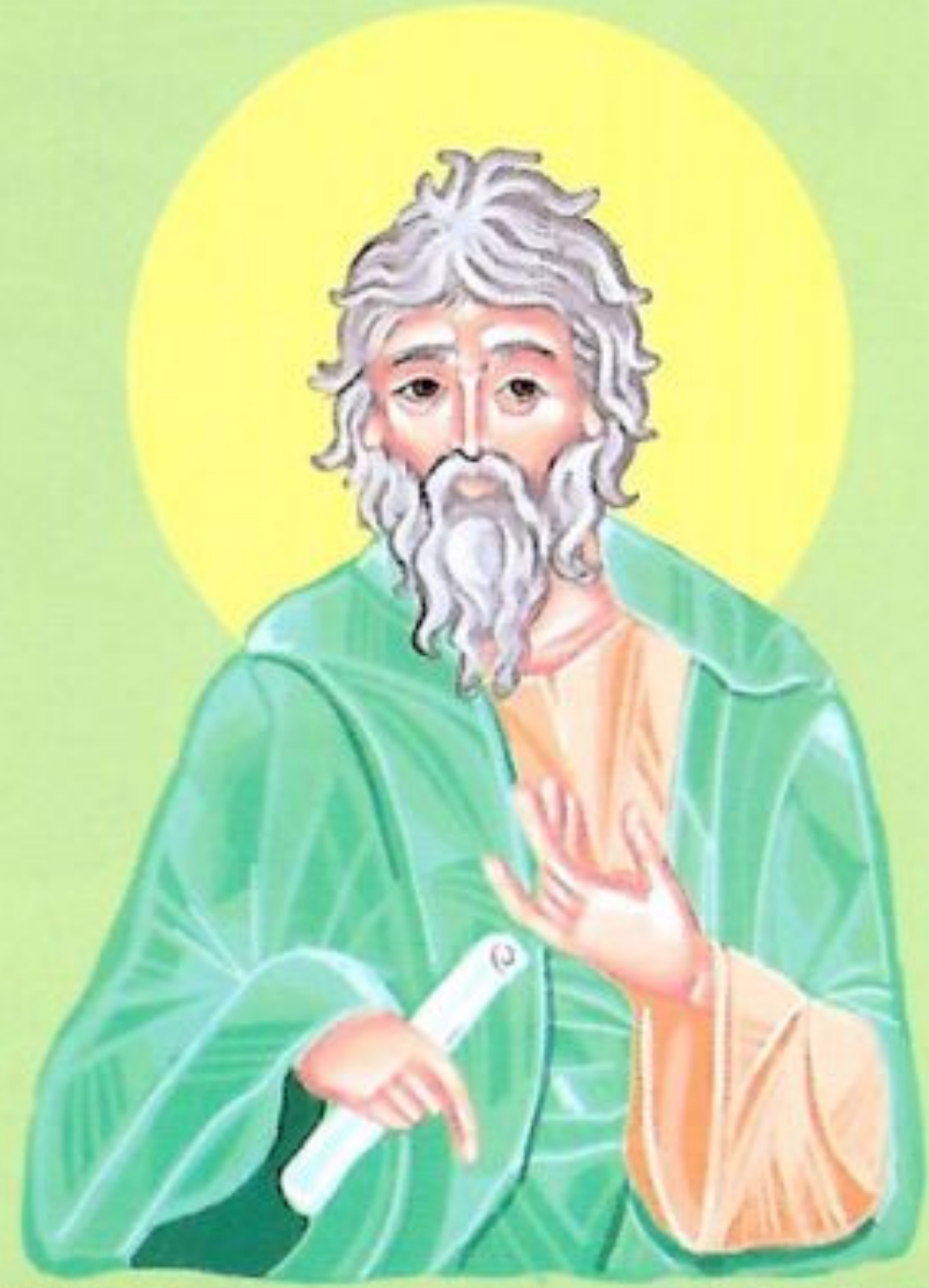


We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Twelve Apostles on June 30 (July 13 new calendar), and the Feast of the Saints Peter and Paul on June 29 (July 12 new calendar). Prior to these two feasts we participate in one of the oldest fasts of the Orthodox Church, the Apostles' Fast.

St Andrew the Apostle, he was a fisherman and brother of Peter. Andrew was the first that Jesus Christ called to be His Disciple.

Commemorated on November 30 (*this day is December 13th on the new calendar*)

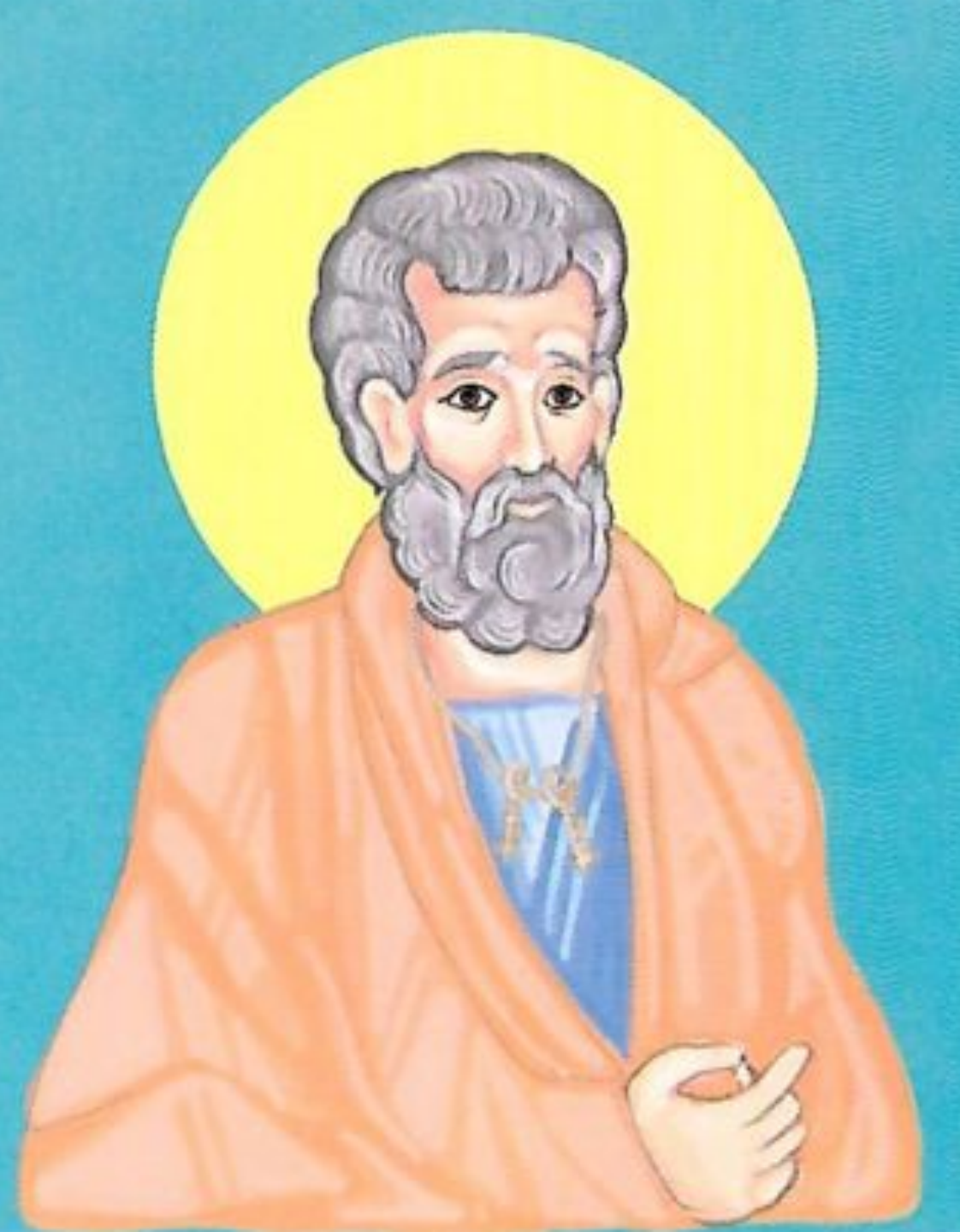
Andrew preached in Scythia (modern-day Ukraine and Russia) and Greece



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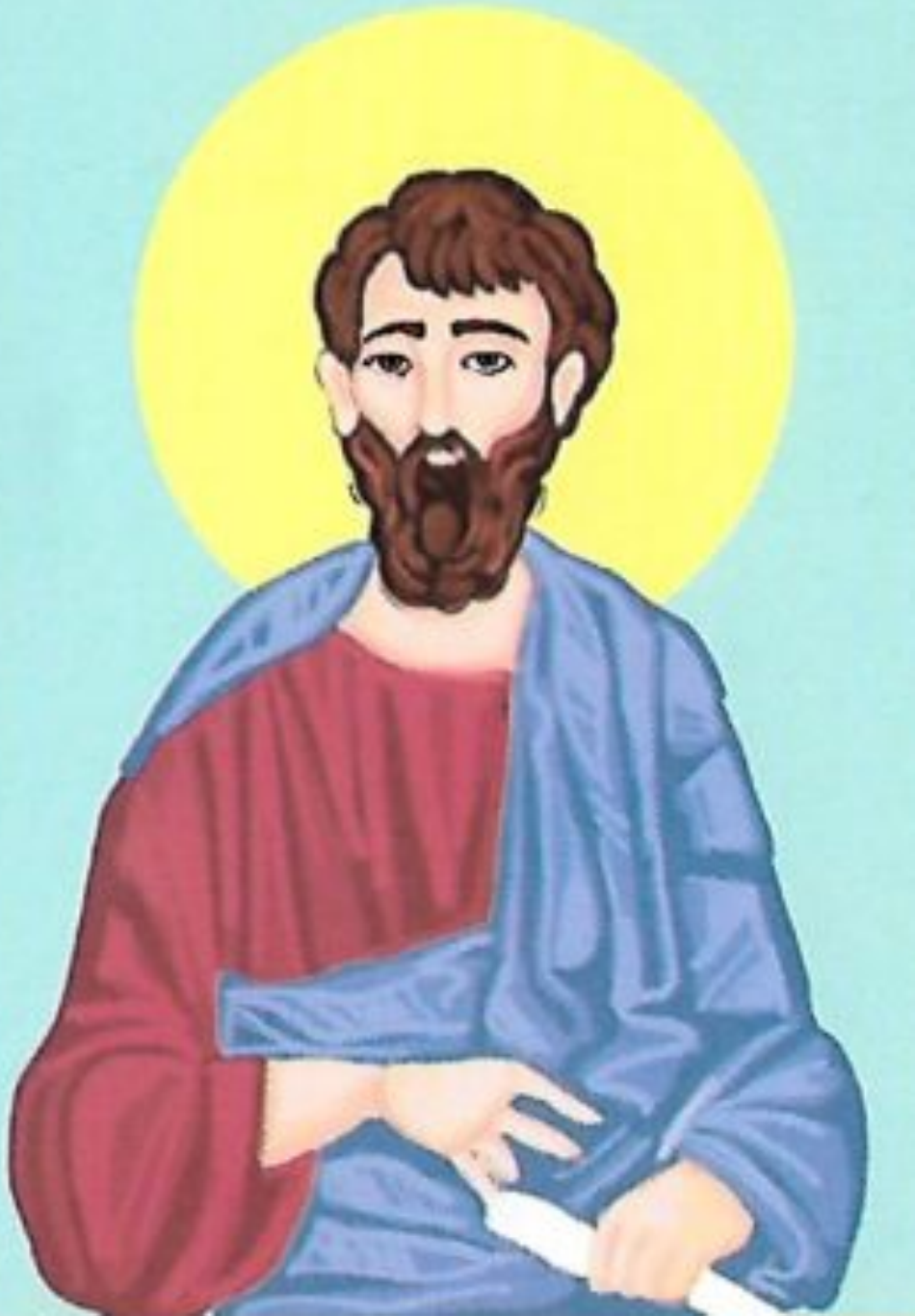
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St Peter the Apostle, he was a fisherman and Andrew's brother. St Peter was one of Christ's favorite Disciples. St Peter is commemorated on June 29 (July 12 new calendar) with St Peter

Traveled to Rome and is considered the first bishop of Rome



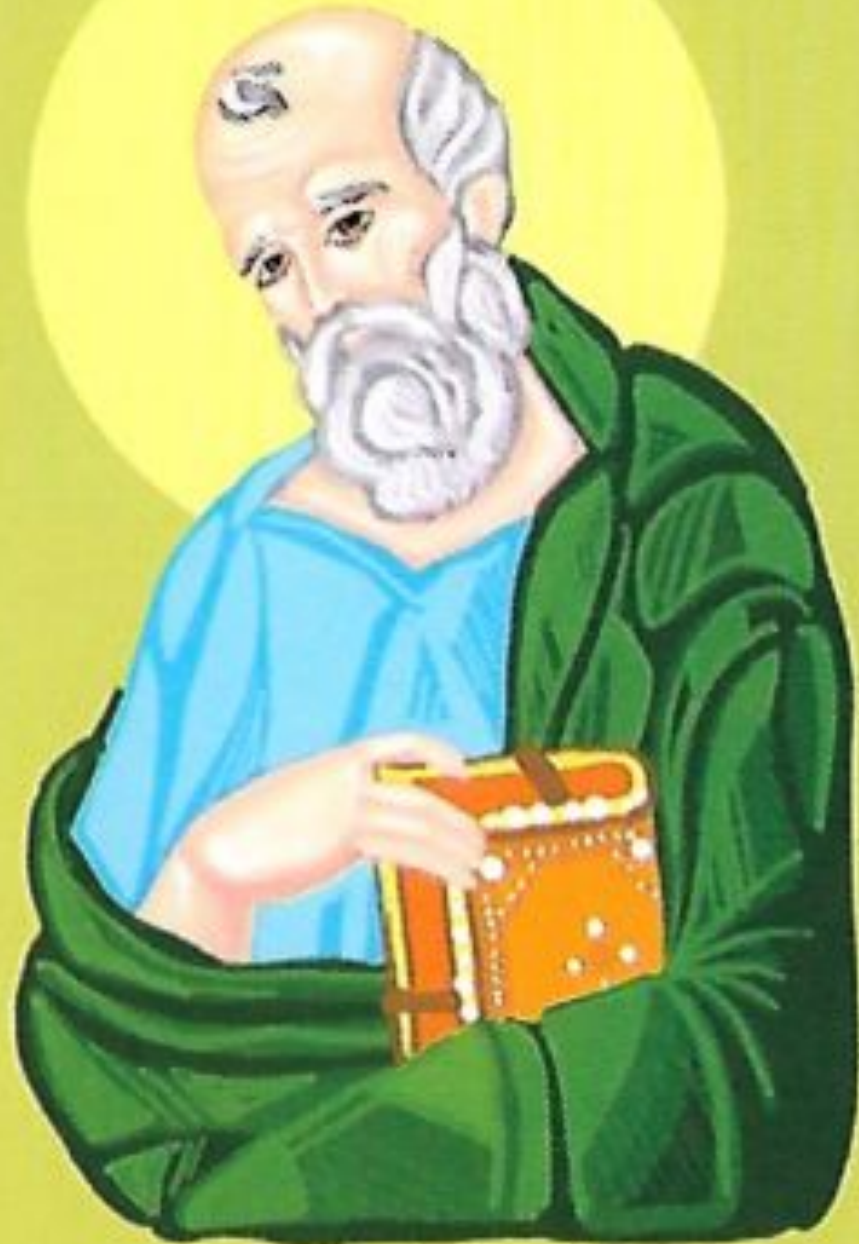


St James of Zebedee the Apostle, he was a fisherman and brother of John. James preached the Gospel in Spain and was later martyred in Jerusalem. St James is commemorated on April 30th (May 13 new calendar)

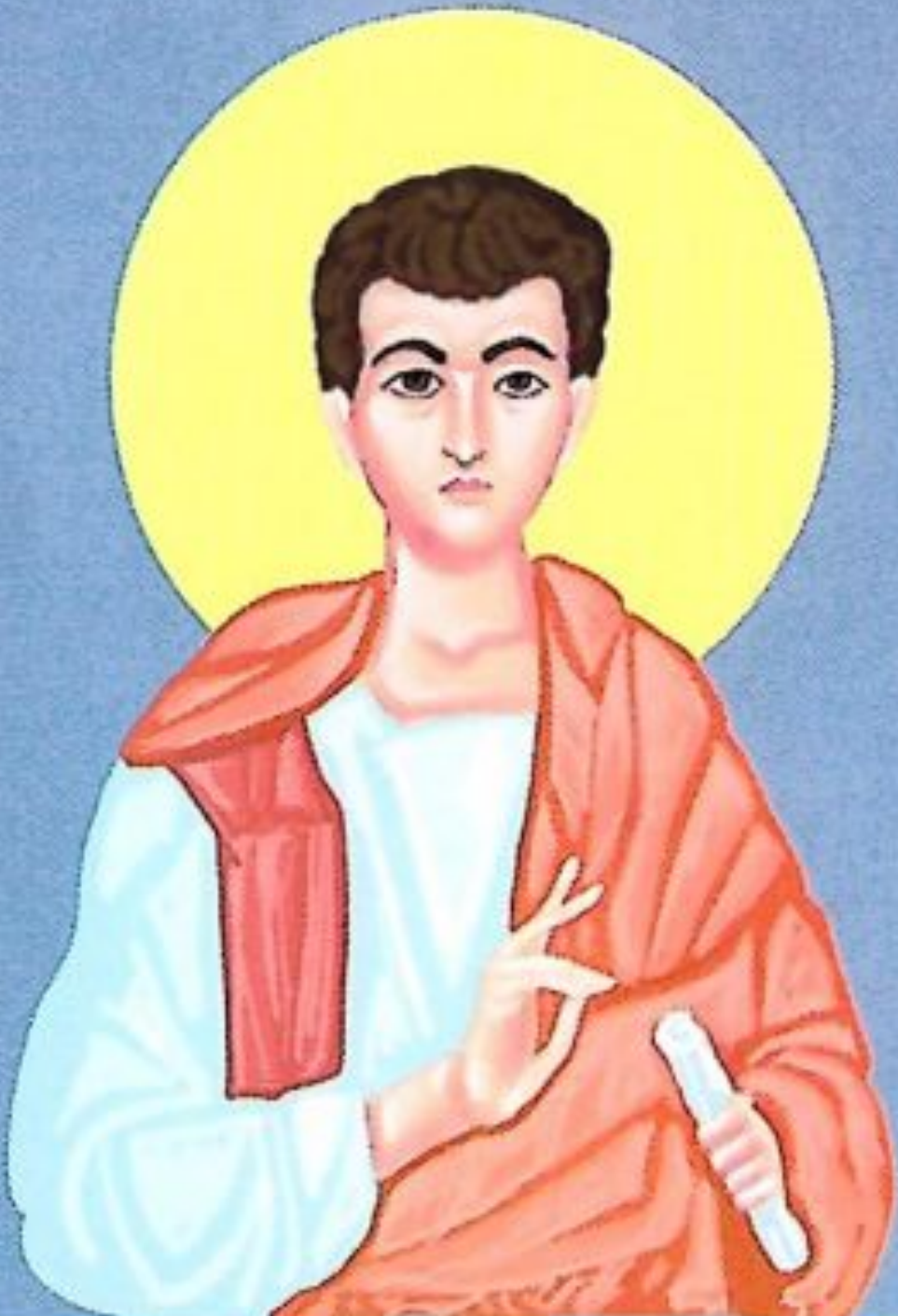


St John of Zebedee the Apostle, he was the youngest of the Disciples and also the one that lived the longest. St John is one of the four Evangelists and is commemorated on September 26th and May 8th

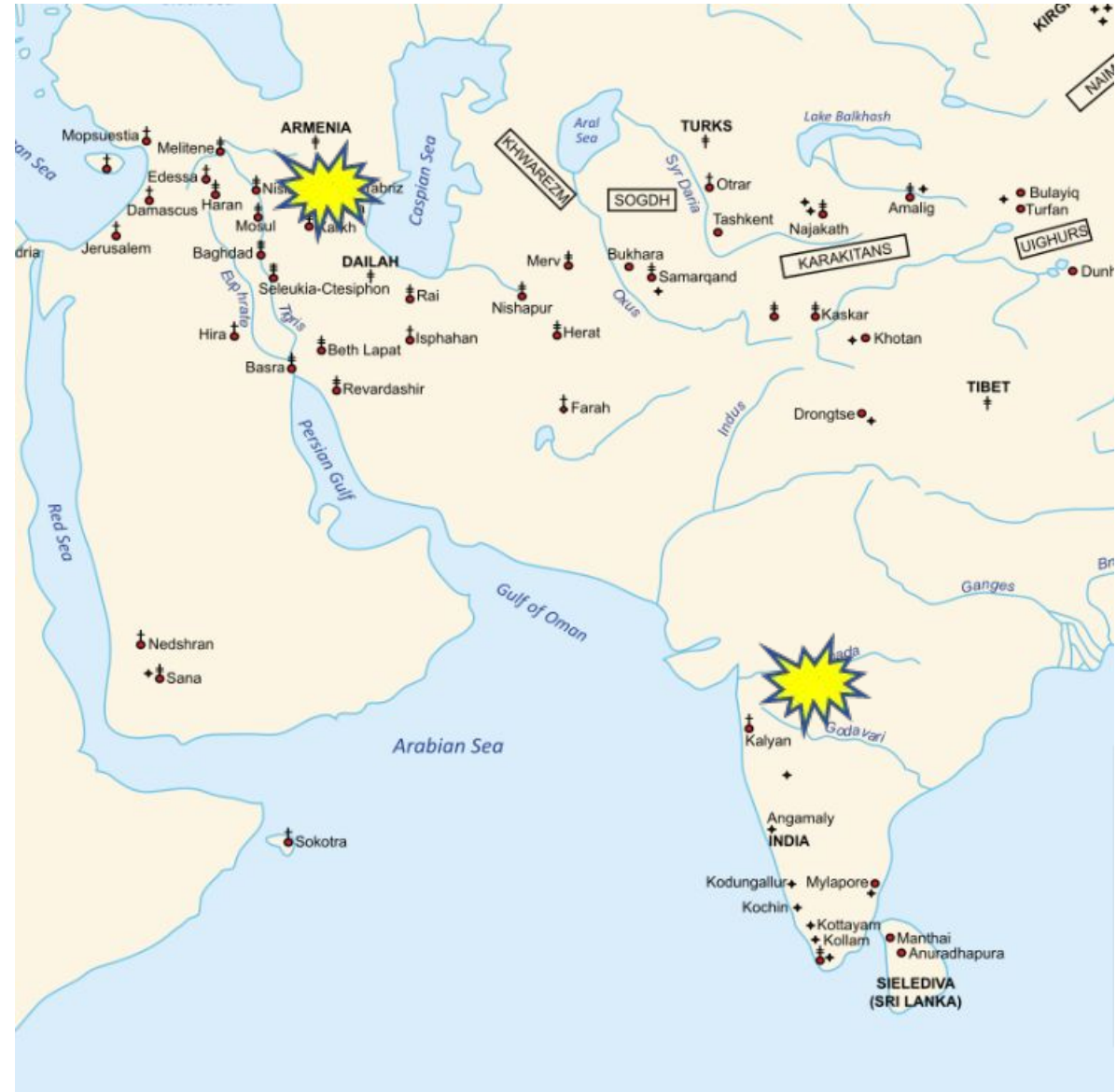
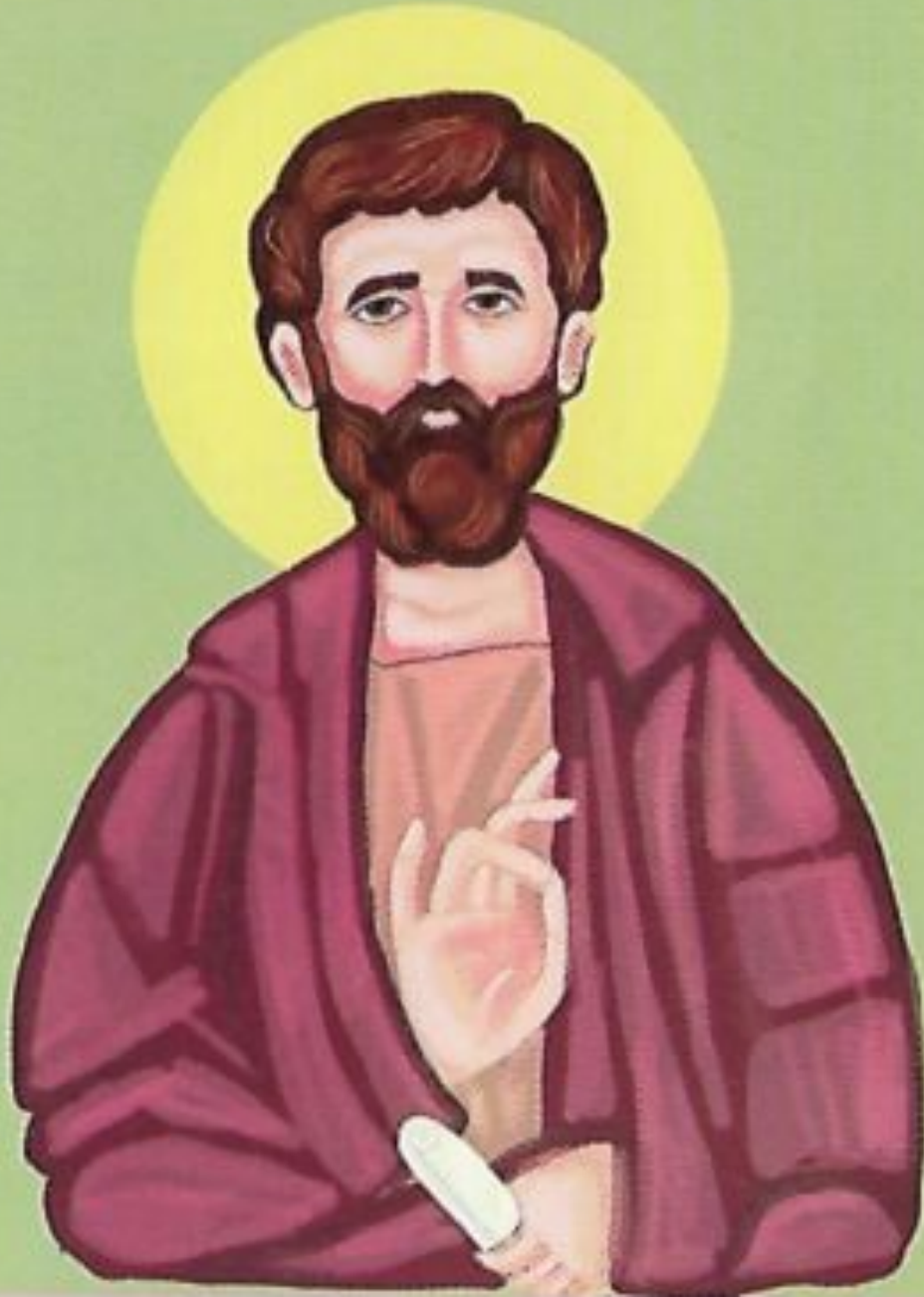
St John spent time in Ephesus and is associated with the writing of the Gospel of John and the Book of Revelation



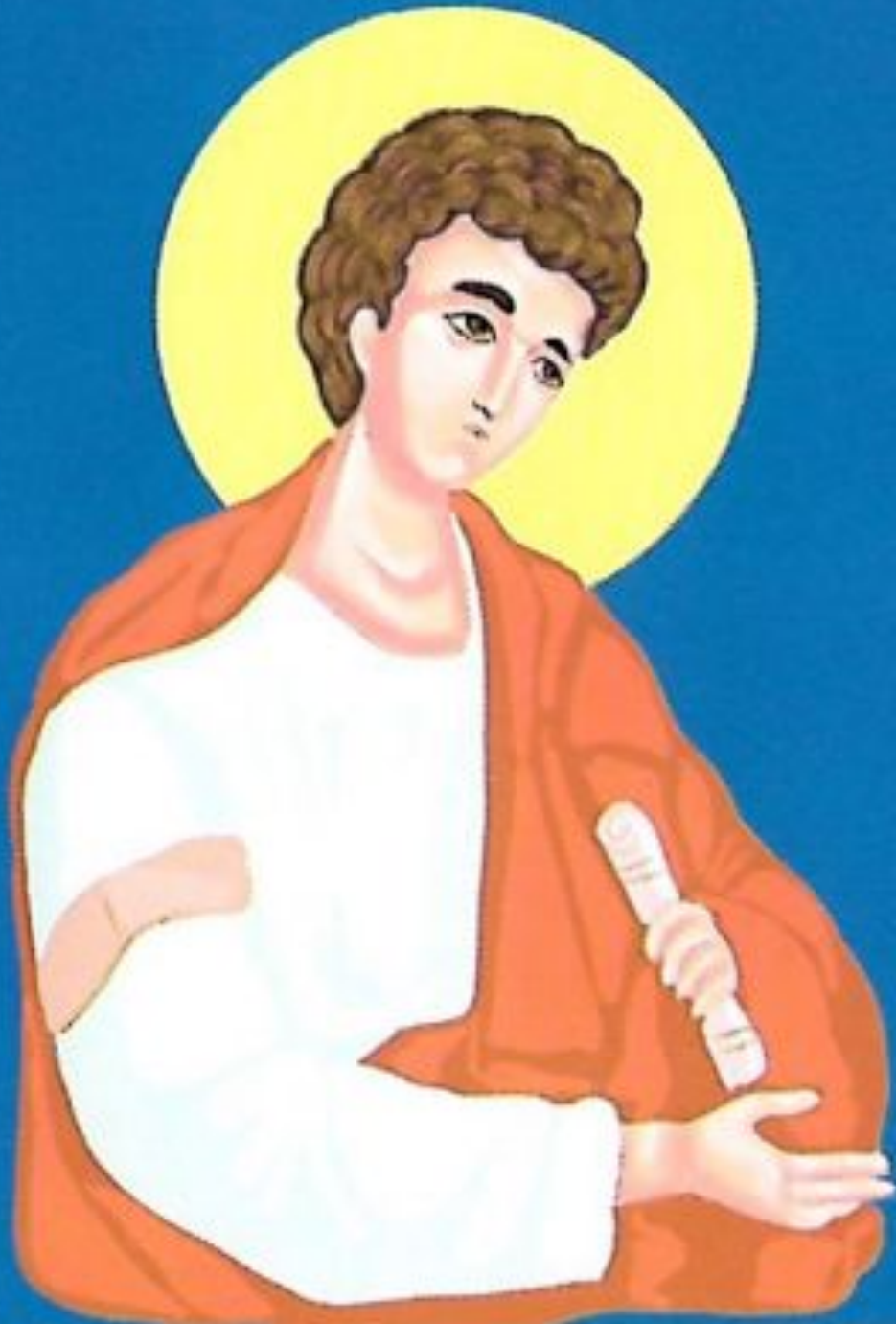
St Philip the Apostle, he spread the Gospel through out Asia Minor, Phrygia (modern-day Turkey). Philip is commemorated on November 14th (November 27th) before the beginning of the Nativity Fast

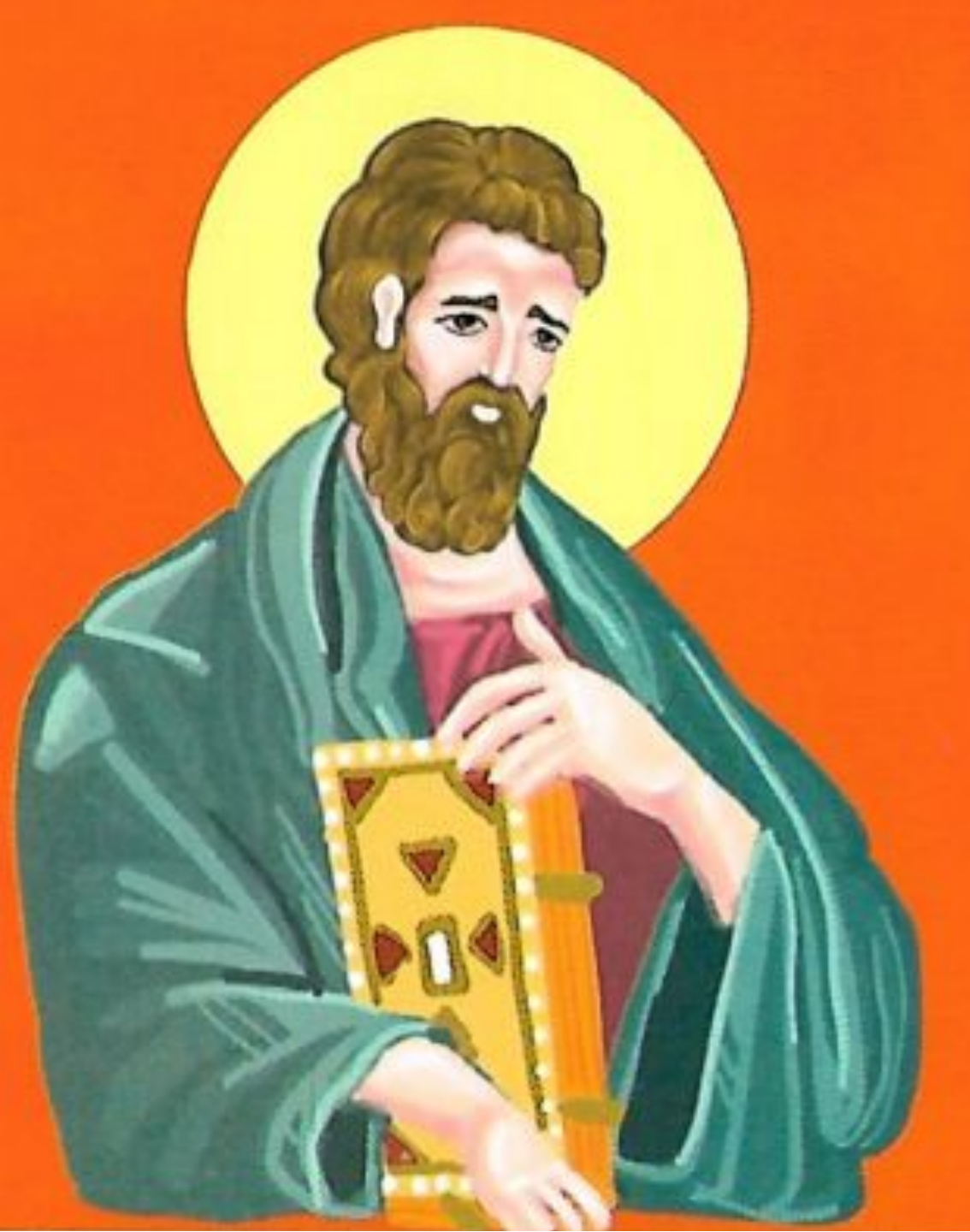


St Bartholomew the Apostle, he preached the Gospel together with his sister St Mariamne and the Apostle Philip. St Bartholomew is linked to preaching in India, Armenia, and other regions and is commemorated on June 11th (June 24 new calendar)

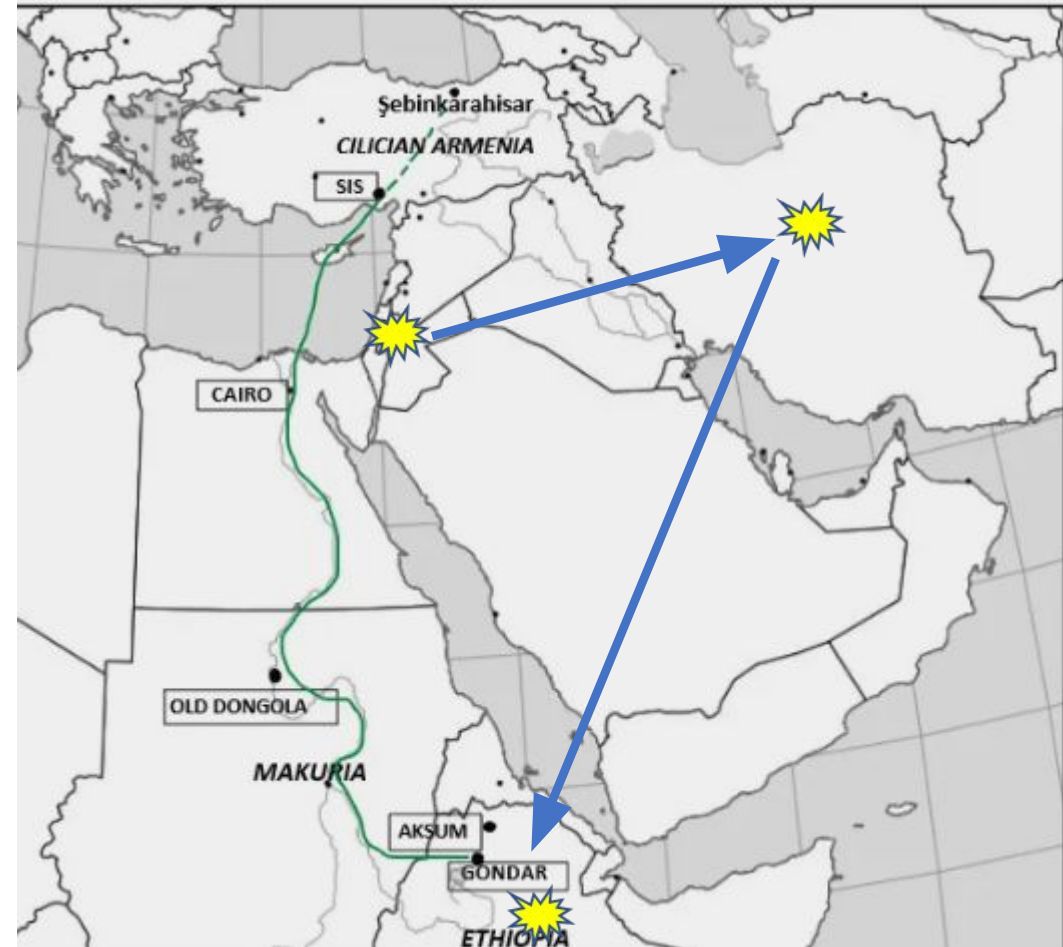


St Thomas the Apostle, he preached in India, Persia and China, he said, "My Lord, and my God!" St Thomas is commemorated on October 6th (October 19th new calendar)



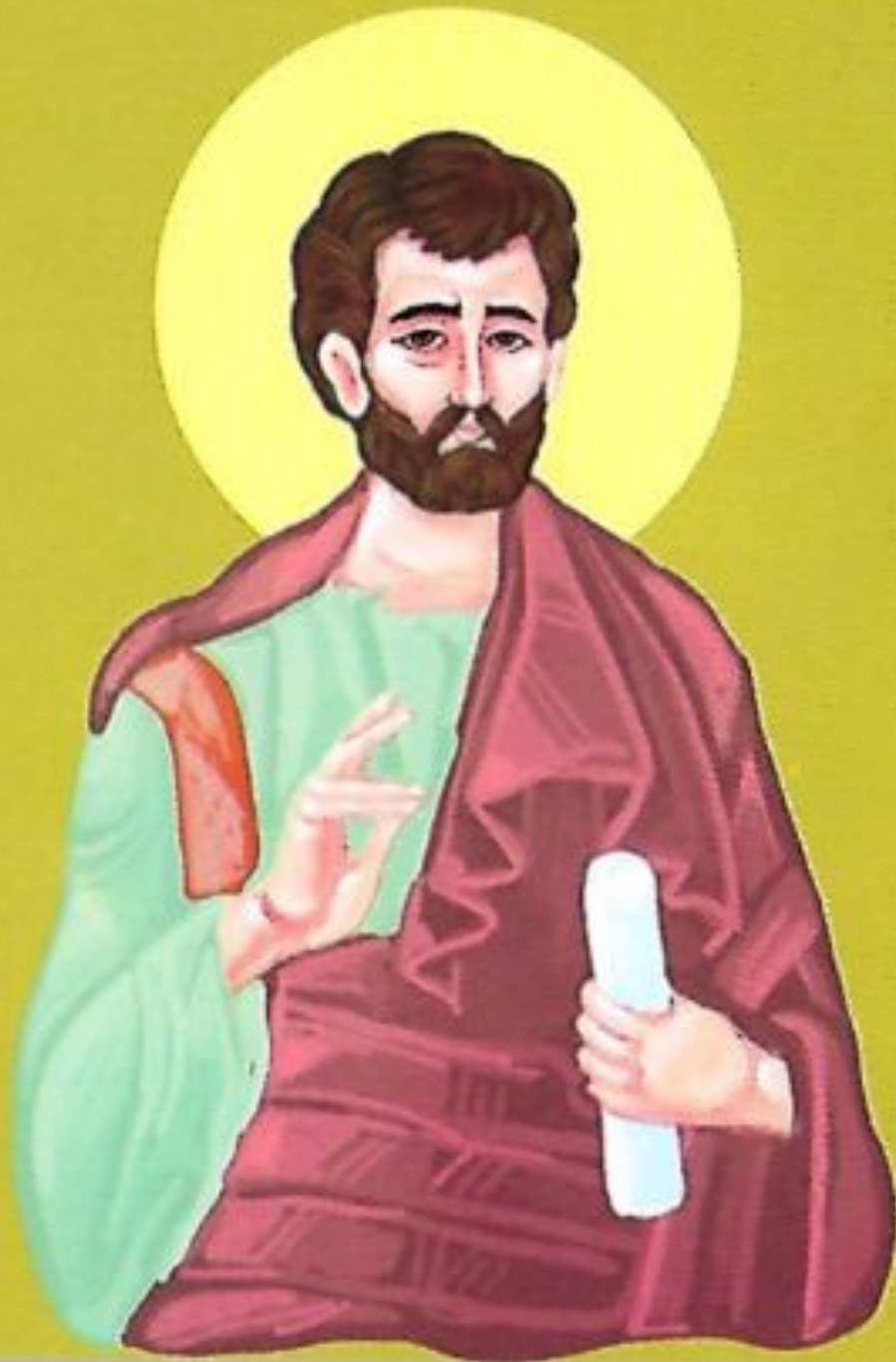


St Matthew the Apostle. Before he knew Jesus Christ, he was a tax collector. Matthew wrote the first of the four Holy Gospels and preached in Ethiopia and Persia. St Matthew is commemorated on November 16th (November 29th on the new calendar)



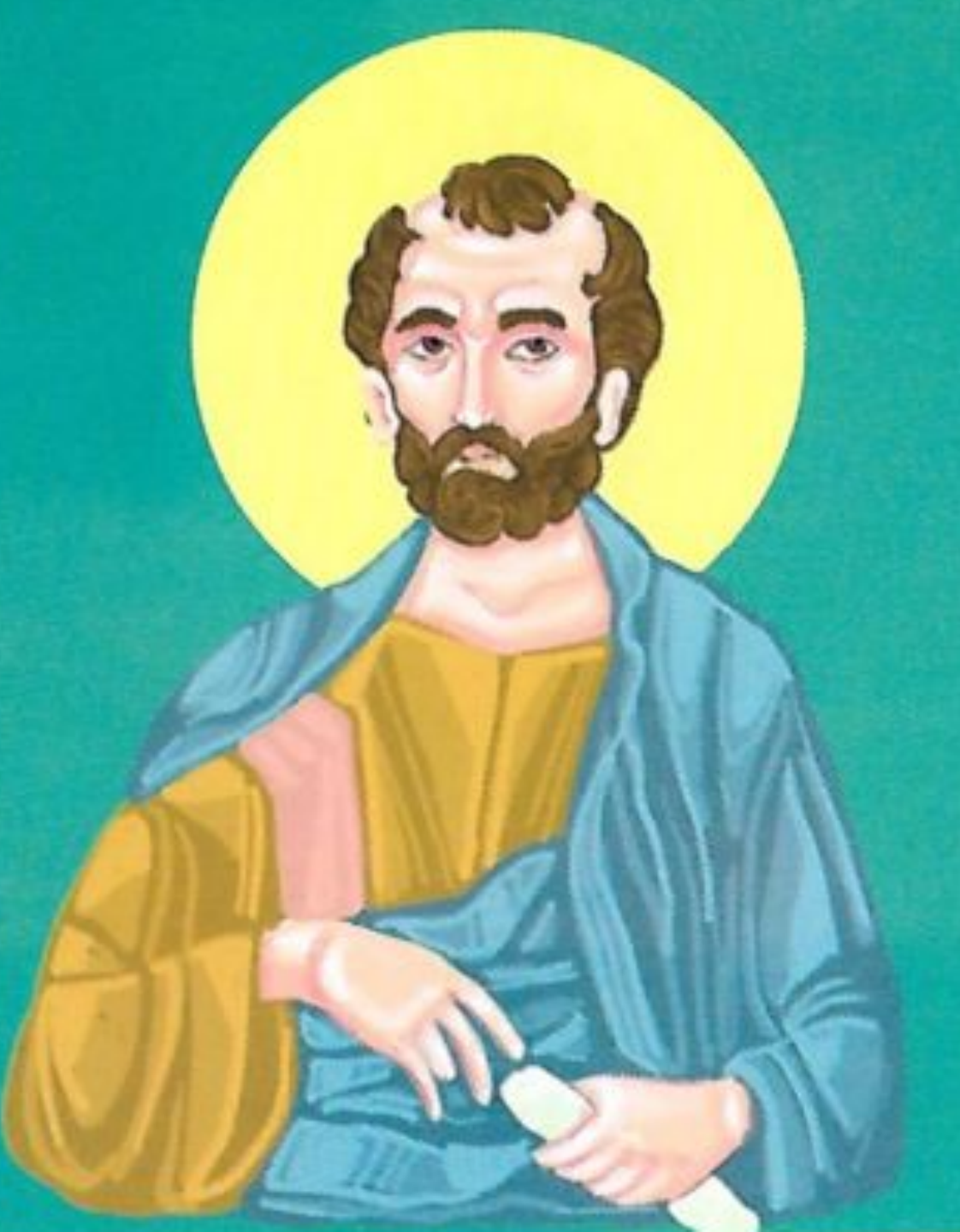
St James of Alphaeus the Apostle was the brother of Evangelist Matthew, he preached in Jerusalem and is commemorated on October 9th (Oct 22nd on the new calendar)





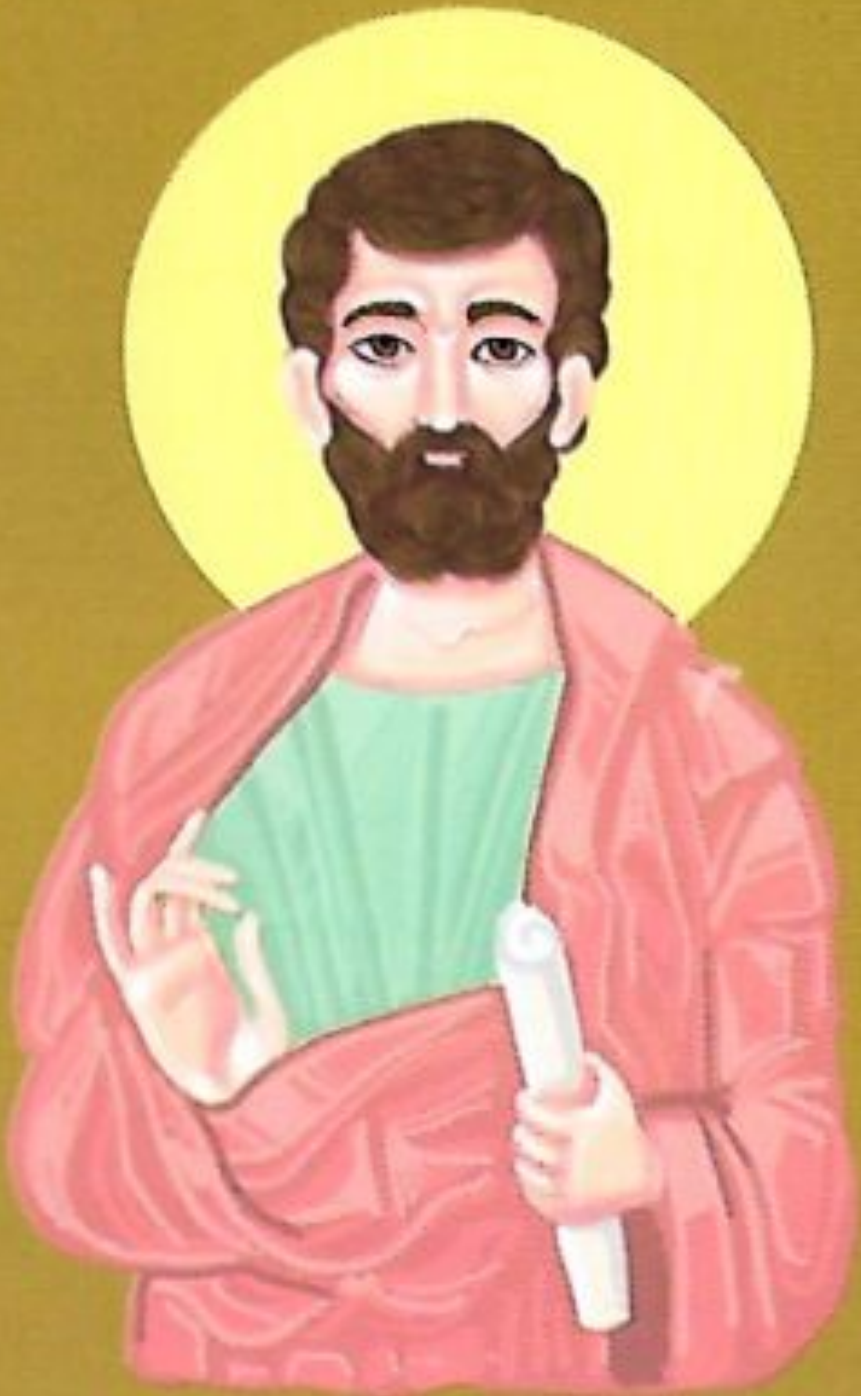
St Thaddaeus the Apostle is one of the seven children of St Joseph the Betrothed. St Thaddaeus preached the Gospel in Syria and is commemorated on June 19th (July 2nd on the new calendar)





St Simon the Apostle, Ministered in Persia and he was martyred on May 10, 107 AD





St Matthias the Apostle, he was chosen to replace Judas the Traitor and he preached the Gospel in Ethiopia. St Matthias is commemorated on August 9th (August 22nd on the new calendar)



St. Paul the Apostle's transformation from Saul to an apostle occurred between the Resurrection and the Ascension of Jesus. Paul's encounter with the resurrected Christ on the road to Damascus marked a powerful shift, highlighting the redeeming power of a personal relationship with Jesus. This profound change shaped St. Paul's life, turning him from a persecutor into a devoted follower who played a vital role in spreading Christianity's teachings. St Paul is considered the 13th Apostle

