

St. Thaddeus & St. Bartholomew Stick Puppets

Saints Thaddeus and Bartholomew (Nathaniel), two of the twelve apostles, were the first evangelizers of Armenia, giving the Armenian Church its *apostolic* identity and earning them the title, “First Enlighteners of Armenia.” Thaddeus came to Armenia about 43 AD to preach Christianity and it is believed that Bartholomew arrived in Armenia about 66AD.



St. Thaddeus

St. Bartholomew

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Card stock or Heavy paper
- “Saint Bartholomew” Template *(one for each student)*
- “Saint Thaddeus” Template *(one for each student)*
- Scissors
- Crayons, colored pencils, or colored markers
- Popsicle craft sticks
- Glue

PREPARATION BEFORE ACTIVITY

- Print the “Saint Bartholomew Puppet” and Saint Thaddeus Puppet” Templates onto card stock or other heavy paper. *(For younger students, cut out.)*

WHAT TO DO

1. Give each child a St. Thaddeus and a St. Bartholomew Template
2. Instruct students to cut out and color their saints.
3. Instruct students to cut out the Virgin Mary icon and Spear head and glue to figures as directed on Template, *(Virgin Mary icon to front of St. Bartholomew; Spear head to the front of St. Thaddeus)*
4. Glue the patterns back-to-back onto the popsicle craft stick so that stick is in between the patterns.