

15.—*Assumption of the B. V. Mary*, a feast in memory of her being taken into heaven, both body and soul, after her dissolution; which, by a constant tradition in the church, has ever been piously believed to have happened in the year thirty-six.

24.—St. Bartholomew, the apostle, having preached the gospel in India, and passing thence into the greater Armenia after he had converted innumerable people to the faith, was barbarously slayed alive by command of king Astages, and then beheaded, in the year forty-four.

SEPTEMBER.

8th.—*The Feast of her Nativity*, of whom the Author of all life and salvation was born to the world.

11th. *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*; when Heraclitus brought it back in triumph to Jerusalem, in the year six hundred and twenty-eight.

31.—St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist, after preaching the gospel in Ethiopia, was slain at the altar, as he celebrated the divine mysteries, in the year forty-four.

29.—*Michaelmas*, a festival instituted in honour of St. Michael the archangel, and of the nine orders of holy angels; to commend the whole Church of God to their patronage, by whose charitable ministry we daily receive from God, as the original source, such innumerable benefits. It is called the Dedication of St. Michael, from the dedicating of a church to him in Rome by Pope Boniface III, in the year six hundred and eight.

OCTOBER.

18th.—St. Luke, the evangelist, who, filled with the Holy Ghost after he had endured many afflictions for the name of Christ, died in Bithynia, in the year seventy-four. His sacred bones were brought to Constantinople, and thence translated to Padua.

28th.—SS. Simon, the Canaanite, and Jude, otherwise called Thaddeus, They first preached the gospel in Egypt, the latter in Mesopotamia, and afterwards going together into Persia, after having converted an infinite number of that nation to the faith, they accomplished their martyrdom in the year sixty-eight.

NOVEMBER.

1st.—*All Saints*, a solemnity in memory of all the saints' since the whole year is too short to afford a separate feast for each of them.

2nd.—*All Souls*, a day appointed by the Church for the living to offer up their prayers and suffrages for the repose of the faithful departed.