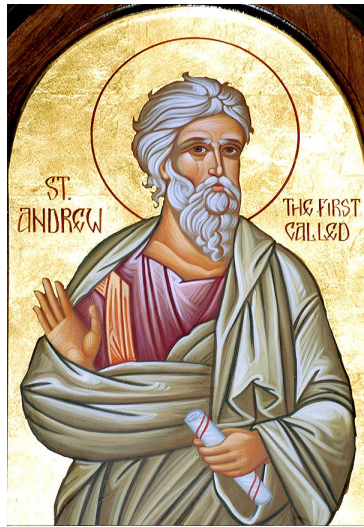


The Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called

(November 30)

The Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called was the first of the disciples to follow Christ, later bringing his own brother, the Apostle Peter, to the Lord (John 1:35-42). Born in Bethsaida, he dedicated himself to God from his youth. Remaining unmarried, he worked as a fisherman with Peter. When Saint John the Baptist began to preach repentance, Andrew became his closest disciple. Hearing his teacher proclaim Christ as the Lamb of God, Andrew and John the Theologian were sent directly to the Savior.



After Pentecost, Saint Andrew traveled through the Eastern lands proclaiming the Gospel. He preached in Asia Minor, Thrace, and Macedonia, reached the Danube, and journeyed along the Black Sea. Ascending the Dnieper River, he came to the hills where Kiev would one day stand. Rising at dawn, he prophesied that a great city filled with churches would rise on those hills. He blessed them, set up a cross, and continued north to the region of Novgorod. From there he traveled through the lands of the Varangians toward Rome, then returned to Thrace. In the small village of Byzantium—future Constantinople—he founded the Church of Christ. Thus the Apostle Andrew became the link between the Mother Church of Constantinople and her daughter, the Russian Church.

Throughout his journeys, Andrew endured hardships from pagans who beat him, expelled him from their cities, and stoned him, yet he remained unharmed and steadfast. Through his prayers, the Lord worked many miracles, and the Apostle established Christian communities, appointing bishops and clergy.

His final mission brought him to Patra. There the sick were healed and many embraced the Faith, though the prefect Aegaeos remained hardened. Enraged, he ordered Andrew to be crucified. The Apostle accepted this with joy, teaching the gathered crowds for two days from the cross. When soldiers attempted to release him, they were unable to move their hands. As divine light shone upon him, Saint Andrew prayed, “Lord Jesus Christ, receive my spirit,” and surrendered his soul to God.

His relics were later solemnly transferred to Constantinople and placed in the Church of the Holy Apostles.

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**THE HOLY APOSTLE
ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED**

COMMEMORATIONS:

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ARCHBISHOP OF MITHYMNA**

Tone 8 - Eothion 3
Orthros Gospel: St. Mark 16:9-20
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Liturgy Gospel: St. John 1:35-51

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 8 - From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE - Tone 4 - As the first called of the Apostles, and brother of their leader, O Andrew, entreat the Master of all that peace be granted unto the world and great mercy to our souls.

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY - Tone 3 - On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

TODAY:

ORTHROS & Confession, 8:15 a.m.

Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

Divine LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour (No Church School), 11:15 a.m.

Romanian Families Memorial, 11:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 p.m.

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

This Week

COFFEE HOUR: St. Andrei Romanian Coffee Hour
PROSPHORA BREAD: Gabi & Catalin Tinjala
ALTAR CANDLES: - - -
USHERS: Nick Muzekari & Todd Moody
CLEANING TEAM: Nick M., Chris H., Shirley D., Dylan H.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM: Carolyn K., Eric M., Anders K., Liara M.

Next Week (Dec. 7):

Catechumens
 Kristi Moore & Sissy Hill
 Schneider—Calvin's Feast Day
 John Nicholson & Steve Kulp
 Beraki H., Val H., Mark Z., Robert S.
 Miriam K., Ryan M., Daniel C., Laura S.

Mark Your Calendar:

International Cookie Walk December 13

11:00 a.m. until the cookies sell out!

Sunday School Christmas Program December 21 @ 12:00 p.m

Nativity Services December 24

7:30 am: Royal Hours
 9:30 am: Vespertal Liturgy of St Basil
 9:00 pm: Festal Orthros
 10:30 pm: Divine Liturgy

December 25 - Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

12:00 pm: Great Vespers

Circumcision, St. Basil & New Year Services

December 31

6:30 pm: Vespers & Artoklasia
 7:30 pm: Festal Orthros
 8:30 pm: Talent Show & Fellowship
 10:00 pm: New Year Prayers

January 1 - Happy New Year!

9:30 am: Divine Liturgy

NOV/DEC OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Turkeys & Hams

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of Syria, and all the holy land Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine The leadership and community of St Emmelia Ministries, St Justin Academy, our Mission Chapel, Hades Embittered and those to whom they reach out. Sze-Tatiana Louise-Ruth Hieromonk Silouan Aristides Sergei Ludmilla Catherine Christine Maria John James James Steven Sophia Elias Zotikos Paraskevi Barbara Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, Michael, Xenia, & all Missionaries Priest Nathan, Irenaeus, Theophanes, Jacob, John, Samuel, Darius & all seminarians and their families Those searching for jobs, houses, spouses & monasteries Courting, Engaged, & Newly-Crowned Couples Families struggling to conceive Expectant and new mothers and their babies The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	+Archpriest George +Linnea +Helen +Kh Carol (November Parish Diptychs) +Joseph +Peter +Ellen +Evelyn +Ksenia +William +Elizabeth <u>Catechumens</u> Mary Steven Liara Ryan Kassandra Jasper Matthew Martin Sean, Meghan and John Robert Asher Sarah Andrew Carolyn Martin & Gabriella James Anthony Slavek Nevada Josiah, Casie, Ray, & Gwen Michael Daniel, Eleanor, Amos, & Marigold Christopher & Naila Adaele Jeff & Jasmine, Jaxon, Jonah, Jayce & Jacob Andrew & Rebecca, Hannah, Miriam, Priscilla & Phoebe Hannah Daniel & Jordan, Daniella, Meadow, & Mason

This Week:

- Mon, Dec 1:** Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m.
- Tues, Dec 2:** Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
 Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1:00 p.m.
- Wed, Dec 3:** Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m.
 Confessions, 6:00 p.m. (text Fr. Noah)
 Little Compline, 6:30 p.m..
 FOCUS Norristown, 7:00 p.m.
 Patristic Discussion Group, 7:15 p.m.
- Thurs, Dec 4:** Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
 Daily Vespers. 6:30 p.m.
 FOCUS Serving Night: Aviator Park, 8:00 pm
- Fri, Dec 5:** Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m.
 Confessions, 6:00 p.m. (text Fr. Noah)
 Great Vespers & Artoklasia (Youth Choir), 6:30 p.m.
 Youth Activity, 7:30 p.m.
- Sat, Dec 6:** **Feast of St. Nicholas**
 Orthros, 8:30 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
 Fasting Potluck Luncheon, 10:30 a.m.
 Catechism Class, 4:30 p.m.
 Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m..
 Confessions, 7:00 p.m. (Text Fr. Noah)
- Sun, Dec 7:** Orthros & Confessions, 8:15 a.m.
 Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m
 Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
 Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.
 Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 p.m.
 Christmas Concert & Sing Along w/ Caleb Gohl & Guests, 2:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 11/22: 88 Liturgy 11/23: 251 Thanksgiving: 23

OFFERINGS 11/23: Candles, \$342. Collections, \$1,098.59. Book Shelf Ministry, \$208. Teen Fund, \$24. Pastoral Discretion, \$195.53. Hospitality, \$84. Needy Fund, \$122.02. Endowment, \$105. Vestments, \$97.52. Mission Chapel, \$1,705. Building Fund, \$39,635.52. Stewardship, \$6,257.59. Total received: \$49,874.78.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!