



**Saint Nicholas  
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**Sunday, November 30, 2025**

*Apostle Andrew the First-called*

8:45am: Orthros

10am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

## Hymns of the Day

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Ἄπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον,  
ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις  
ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

### **Apolytikion of the Apostle Andrew in the Fourth Mode**

As first called of the Apostles and brother of Peter the Pre-eminent, O Andrew, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the whole world, and great mercy to our souls.

### **Apolytikion of Saint Nicholas in the Fourth Mode**

An example of the faith and a life of humility: \* as a teacher of abstinence you did inspire and lead your flock, \* and through the truthfulness of your deeds \* were exalted to greatness through your humility, \* uplifting all, and by poverty gaining wealth. \* Father and hierarch Saint Nicholas, \* intercede with Christ our God \* that our souls may be saved.



### **Kontakion of the Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ in the Third Mode**

On the 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.

## Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heavens. Alleluia.

Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον ἐκ τῶν οὐρανῶν. Ἀλληλούϊα.

*And the following, for the Apostle:*

His proclamation went forth into all the earth, and his words to the ends of the world. Alleluia.

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος αὐτοῦ καὶ εἰς τὰ πέρατα τῆς οἰκουμένης τὰ ῥήματα αὐτοῦ. Ἀλληλούϊα.

## Gospel and Epistle Readings

### Epistle Reading

#### 1 Corinthians 4:9 – 16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things.

I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

# Gospel Reading

## John 1:35 – 52

At that time, John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, “What do you seek?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “So you are Simon the son of Jonah? You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you

believe? You shall see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”

## Saints and Feasts

### **Apostle Andrew the First-called**

Andrew witnessed all that came to pass in Jerusalem at the time of the Passion of the Lord, and was present with the others at the appearances of the Saviour after his Resurrection. He received the Grace of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and was allotted to preach the Gospel around the Black Sea coast, and in Greece. The indwelling power of God drew multitudes to the faith, whose minds were illumined by his preaching. He brought souls to second birth through the laver of holy Baptism; he ordained priests and consecrated bishops at their head, built churches and organized the praise of God within them.

Constantly challenged by fanatical supporters of pagan cults and by sophists with beguiling arguments, Saint Andrew covered both parties with confusion by his wisdom and miracles. On reaching Sinope, he delivered the Apostle Matthias from chains by his prayer, and was set upon by the infuriated pagans. Covered in blows, he was thrown to the ground, and he even had a finger bitten off. Like his Master, the Lamb of God, who came on earth to suffer and to take away the sins of the world, Andrew sought neither to flee nor to defend himself, but bore everything with patience. Seeing his steadfastness, forbearance, and the many miracles that he did, the people of Sinope repented, asked his forgiveness and received holy Baptism.

After the feast of Easter, Andrew went with Matthias and Thaddeus as far as the borders of Mesopotamia, where he left them in order to preach the Good News in the barbarous lands to the north of the Black Sea (now the Crimea and Southern Ukraine). After that he returned to the West, illumined the hearts of the people of the small town of Byzantium in Thrace by his preaching, and founded a Church dedicated to the Mother of God. Leaving Stachys, one of the Seventy, as bishop there, the indefatigable Apostle journeyed on through Thrace, Macedonia and Thessaly and as far as the city of Patras in the Peloponnese.

At Patras Andrew healed the Proconsul's wife, of an incurable illness, and so brought her to the faith. There was soon a large community of Christians in the city. During the absence of the Proconsul Aegeates, Saint Andrew converted his brother and deputy, Stratocles. On his return, Aegeates was enraged to observe the gains made by the Christians, and he had the Apostle arrested and condemned to be crucified head downwards. How joyful he was to imitate Christ even in the way he was to die for Him! After restraining the friends who wanted to procure his freedom, Andrew blessed his faithful for the last time and gave up his soul to God.

## Wisdom of the Fathers

“Andrew, after having tarried with Jesus and learned what He did, kept not the treasure to himself, but hastens and runs quickly to his brother, to impart to him of the good things which he had received. . . . Observe what Andrew says to his brother; ‘We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.’ You see how, in the things he had learned in a short time, he showed the wisdom of the teacher Who persuaded them, and His own zeal, Who cared

for these things long ago, and from the beginning. For this word, ‘we have found,’ is the expression of a soul which travails for His presence, and looks for His coming from above, and is made overjoyed when the looked-for thing has happened, and hastens to impart to others the good tidings. This is the part of brotherly affection, of natural friendship, of a sincere disposition, to be eager to stretch out the hand to each other in spiritual things.”

- St. John Chrysostom, *Homilies on the Gospel of St. John* 19, §1.

## Parish Prayer List

Please remember in your God-pleasing prayers the servants of God:

Robert Tewis; Robert (Tikhon) Foster

*If you would like for yourself or a loved one to be added to the prayer list, please contact Fr. Jeremy.*

## Parish Information

### Church School

Church School for our children begins following Holy Communion. We have two classrooms: one for elementary-school ages, and one for middle school and up. Please allow our Church School kids and their teachers to come up for Communion first.

### Introduction to Orthodox Christianity

Our Adult Ed class meets on Sundays following coffee hour. We meet in the classrooms downstairs. Any who would like

to learn more about our Orthodox Faith, whether a newcomer or a life-long member, are welcome to attend. Please contact Fr. Jeremy to be added to the distribution list for readings.

## **Byzantine Chant Classes**

Byzantine chant classes take place on **Saturdays at 4pm**. If you are interested in learning and helping out, please feel free to attend!

## **Men's Breakfast**

Our next Men's Breakfast will take place on Saturday, **December 20 at 8am**. Feel free to invite a friend!

## **Ladies' Potluck Luncheon**

Our Ladies' Potluck Luncheon group meets on the second Thursday of each month! The next luncheon will take place in the Church hall on **Thursday, December 11** at 12pm.

## **This Week at St. Nicholas**

- Wednesday, December 3: 6pm Small Paraklesis
- Friday, December 5 **Savvas the Sanctified**:
  - 8:30am Orthros and Typika
  - 6pm Great Vespers of St. Nicholas
- Saturday, December 6 **Nicholas the Wonderworker - Parish Feast Day**:
  - 9am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy
  - 5pm Hierarchical Great Vespers