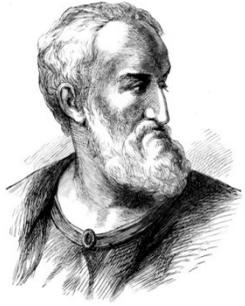


The Holy Apostle Andrew, the First-Called

November 30



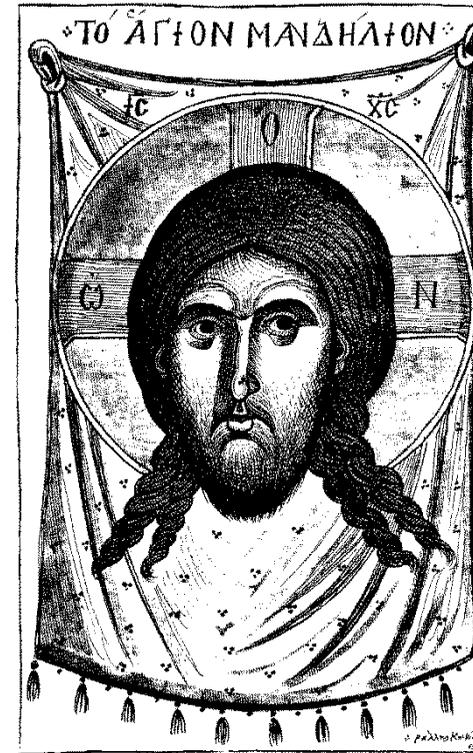
The Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called was the first of the Apostles to follow Christ, and he later brought his own brother, the Apostle Peter, to Christ (John 1:35-42). The future Apostle was from Bethsaida, and from his youth he turned with all his soul to God. He did not enter into marriage, and he worked with his brother as a fisherman. When the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John began to preach, St. Andrew became his closest disciple. St. John the Baptist himself sent to Christ his own two disciples, the future Apostles Andrew and John the Theologian, declaring Christ to be the Lamb of God.

After the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, St. Andrew went to the Eastern lands preaching the Word of God. He went through Asia Minor, Thrace, Macedonia, he reached the River Danube, went along the coast of the Black Sea, through Crimea, the Black Sea region and along the River Dnipro he climbed to the place where the city of Kyiv (Ukraine) now stands.

He stopped overnight on the hills of Kyiv. Rising in the morning, he said to those disciples that were with him: *“See these hills? Upon these hills shall shine forth the beneficence of God, and there will be a great city here, and God shall raise up many Churches.”* On his journeys the First-Called Apostle endured many sufferings and torments from pagans: they cast him out of their cities and they beat him. By the labors of the Holy Apostle Andrew, Christian Churches were established, for which he provided bishops and clergy. The final city to which the Apostle came was the city of Patra, where he was destined to suffer martyrdom, being crucified on a cross in the shape of an “X,” the first letter of “Christ” in Greek; this cross is also the symbol of Saint Andrew.

A few centuries later, under the Holy Emperor Constantine the Great, the relics of the Holy Apostle Andrew were solemnly transferred to Constantinople and placed in the Church of the Holy Apostles beside the relics of the Holy Evangelist Luke and St. Paul’s disciple St. Timothy.

Let us praise Andrew the Theologian for his courage. Let us praise him as a follower of his brother Peter, leader of the Church. Just as he once cried out to Peter, so too now he beckons us saying: Come, we have found the Expectation of the ages.



December 1, 2013

Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Prophet Naum

Changeable Parts: Pages 25-26
In the Booklet of Changeable Parts Small white book.

Announcements:

Children's Liturgy The children's liturgy last Sunday was a great success. A special thank you to Hannah Kunsak for reading the Epistle. The next children's liturgy will be on Sunday, December 29. Please plan to attend along with your children.

Christmas Fast Project

As we continue our journey of the Nativity Fast-Advent we also continue with our Christmas Fast project during which we are reaching out to help the members of the Saint Joseph House of Hospitality in their ministry to the poor and homeless. In the Church vestibule we are collecting the following items: **non-perishable food items, travel size toiletries (tooth paste/brushes, shampoos, soap, lotion, deodorant, etc.), T-shirts (white, sizes medium-XXXL) socks, thermal underwear (sizes medium to large) and flip flops (sizes 9-10-11) for the showers.** These items will be collected during this Advent Season so that our parish family may bring some Christmas smiles to those who so desperately need it.

Our Sympathies

Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the family and friends of +Anna Baran who was buried from our Holy Church on Saturday, November 30th, 2013. *May the Lord commit her soul to the place where the just repose and may her memory be eternal- Вічна Память!*

Feast of St. Nicholas

On Friday, December 6th, we commemorate our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker. To celebrate this feast day and to honor this great Saint we will have Thursday evening, December 5th, a Vespers Divine Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. Please come to honor one of the greatest and famous Saints in our Holy Church whose life is for us a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance.

Saturday: Decorating the Church

On Saturday, December 7th, let us come together at 10:00 a.m. to begin with the decoration of our Holy Church in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of Christ. Please plan to be here so that we can make our Church look beautiful for Christmas.

Next Sunday: Visit from St. Nicholas

This year St. Nicholas will visit St. George's children following the Divine Liturgy next Sunday, December 8th. Please plan to be here to sing that beautiful hymn "O khto, khto Nikolaya lyubit-Those who love Nicholas the Saintly" in honor of St. Nicholas and to enjoy Christian fellowship, refreshments in the Church hall and a good time with St. Nick.

This year in preparation for the visit of St. Nicholas to our church on December 8, parents and/or grandparents are asked to purchase and wrap a gift for each of their children/grandchildren who will attend the party. Gifts should have a value between \$10 and \$15, be wrapped and labeled with the child's name. Gifts can be delivered to the church hall before liturgy on December 8. Please follow the value suggestion so that children receive comparable gifts. Thank you for your cooperation.

Confession: Sunday, December 22nd

Fr. Michael Lenz, OFM, from the Holy Family Friary in Bellevue will be here on Sunday, December 22st, to administer the Mystery of Reconciliation to those who wish to receive it. We will begin with the prayers from the Order of Holy Confession at 9:15 a.m. I ask you all to come and approach Holy Confession as we prepare ourselves to worthily celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pyrohy

The total income from our pyrohy sale was \$520.00. Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work and dedication to this ongoing activity. Especially now during this holiday season we are very busy with our pyrohy production. Please come down and give us a hand with this important fundraiser. Thank you!

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of November 24, 2013 was **\$2043.00**
(Collection: \$786.00, Loose & other: \$43.00; Pyrohy: \$520.00; Raffle: \$430.00; Nut Rolls: \$264.00))

***So far the income from our sale of nut rolls was **\$264.00**. We still have many nut rolls available in the Church hall prepared by our parishioners. The price is \$12 per nut roll. At the end of the Divine Liturgy make sure to pick up a delicious nut roll for this holiday season.

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!



*****CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER*****

Christmas Giant Bushel of Cheer, Food and Gas.

Winner determined by the Pennsylvania 3-digit, 7:00p.m. Lottery Drawing on Saturday, December 14, 2013. Please remember that this fundraiser will help to paint the interior of our Church. Tickets are \$5 and are available from our ticket sellers: Nick & Kathy Mikovitz, Ann Kaltreider or Darrell Chulack.

If you can't sell tickets bring them back.

All stubs must be in by December 7

Sincere thanks again to Thomas P. Kunsak Funeral Home for sponsoring these tickets.