

## St. Andrew the 1st Called Apostle

Andrew was a fisherman by trade, born in Bethsaida. A disciple of John the Forerunner, he left St. John to follow Jesus Christ following his baptism and brought along his brother, the Apostle Peter. Both are numbered among the Twelve Great Apostles. After Pentecost, the lot fell to St. Andrew to preach in:

- Byzantium: he appointed St. Stachys as its first bishop
- Thrace, Peloponnese, Greece, and Epirus: he converted many to the Faith and ordained bishops and priests for them
- Georgia: he entered Georgia from Ajara, preached Christianity in Atsqui, built small church there and left miracle-working icon of Theotokos.
- Russian lands: in Kiev he planted a cross on one of the high hills of Kiev, and he prophesied a city that would have many golden-domed churches, and a bright Christian future for the Russian people.

St. Andrew was martyred in Peloponnese, in the city of Patras. The Proconsul Aegeates' family believed in the miracles and preaching of St. Andrew, and the enraged Proconsul tortured and crucified St. Andrew. The new converts wanted to remove him from his cross, but the saint would not allow them. Instead, he comforted them from the cross and as he prayed an extraordinary light encompassed him for about a half hour. When it left, he gave up his soul. It was the year 62 AD.

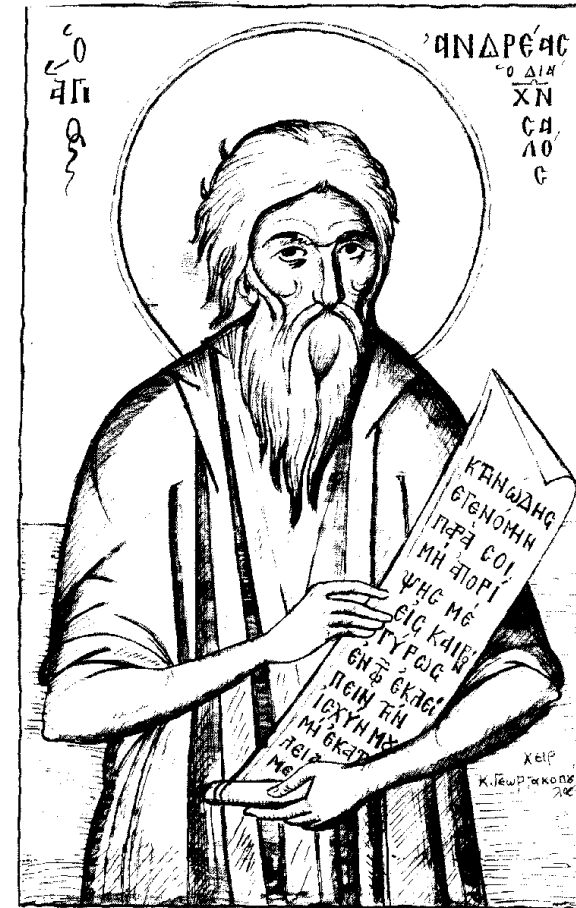
St. Andrew's relics were taken to Constantinople, his head to Rome and a hand to Moscow.

### **To Our Visitors:**

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church – and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament – may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread. *Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.*

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Commemoration of: Apostle Andrew the 1st Called; Froumentios of Abyssina

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### Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

*Ex ipsus katilthes* (Resurrection Hymn) Tone 8

*Os ton Apostolon* (Apostle Andrew) Tone 4  
*As first called of the Apostles and brother of Peter the Preeminent, O Andrew, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the whole world, and great mercy to our souls.*

*Tou Stavrou Sou* (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8  
*Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which forever you guard in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone love mankind.*

### Kontakion

*I Parthenos simeron* Tone 3  
*On this day the Virgin Maid \* goes to the grotto to give birth \* to the pre-eternal Word \* in an ineffable manner. \* Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. \* Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds \* Him who willed that He appear as \* a newborn Child, \* the pre-eternal God.*

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 John? 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."

### Activities & Announcements

#### Today

Apostle Andrew the First Called; Annual Memorials for **Gregorios Rizos** beloved brother of Dina Giannakopoulos and **George Tsakonias** beloved husband of Laura Emerson— May their memory be eternal!; Caroling at the Plaza at Punchbowl (next door) 11:30 a.m.

#### This Week

- ✘ THU, 12/4— St. Barbara the Great Martyr: Orthros 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.; Parish Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- ✘ SAT, 12/6— St. Nicholas the Wonderworker: Orthros 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
- ✘ SUN, 12/7— 10th Sunday of Luke; Parish Council Elections
- ✘ **Christmas Card**— Please see or call Tina Dimitrion if you would like to be included in our Community Christmas card. Deadline is Sunday, December 7th.

#### Upcoming Events

- ✘ **Parish Council Elections**— Sunday, December 7, 2014. Elections will take place immediately following services in the Bookstore. Polls will open after services and close at 1 p.m.
- ✘ **Caroling Schedule**— Our senior choir and Sunday School are participating in caroling at several Senior Care Facilities in Honolulu today and in December, before Christmas. The schedule is as follows: **Today, November 30, 11:30 a.m.** at the Plaza at Punchbowl (next door); **Sunday, December 7, 1 p.m.**, at Leahi Hospital, 3675 Kilauea Avenue; **Sunday December 14, 1:30 p.m.**, at Hale Nani Rehab. & Nursing, 1677 Pensacola Street; **Sunday, December 21, 1:15**