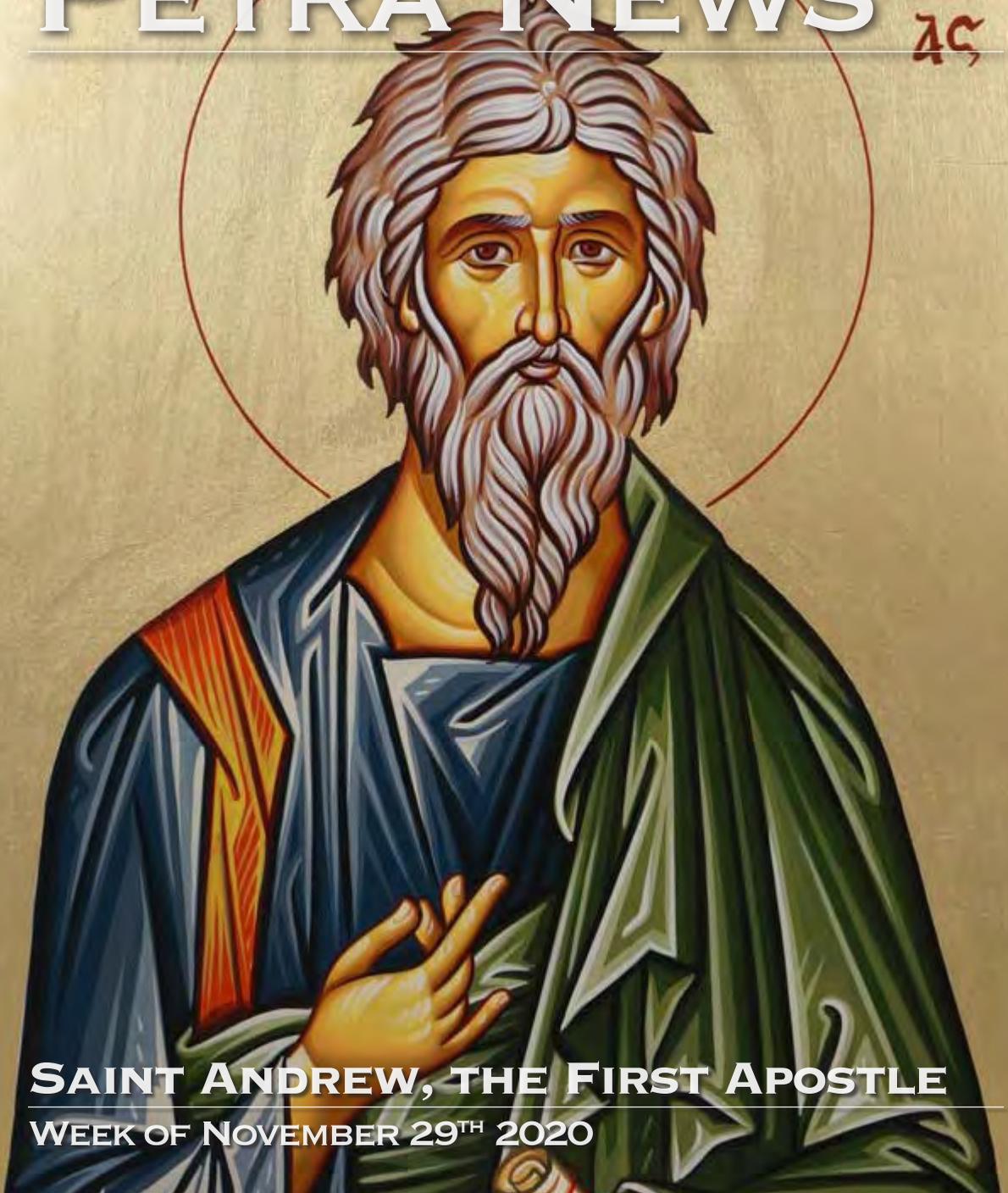


PETRA NEWS

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SAINT ANDREW, THE FIRST APOSTLE
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29TH 2020

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH 2020

STS PETER & PAUL WEEKLY SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Paraclesis Service & Holy Unction 5pm
No sign-up required

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC 5

St Savas

Divine Liturgy _____ 9am

SATURDAY EVENING, DEC 5

Great Vespers _____ 5pm
No sign-up required

**NATIVITY FAST
NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 24**

WEEKDAY DAILY MORNING PRAYERS DURING THE NATIVITY FAST

The Church will be open every morning during the week, Monday through Friday (**with the exception of Thursday**), at 9 am - 11 am. The Orthros / Morning Prayers will begin at 9 am (35-45 minute service). This is wonderful time to light a candle, and offer prayers. If you would like to schedule confession, please speak with Father Jordan.

WELCOME... FATHER CHRYSOSTOMOS!

We welcome the Very Rev. Archimandrite Chrysostomos Gilbert, Proistamenos of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, New York, New York.

HYMNS FOR THE 13TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

RESURRECTION HYMN (PLAGAL 4TH TONE)

*“From on high did You descend, O merciful Lord,
for us did You endure, three days in the tomb that we may be,
released from passions in this world,
You who are our resurrection and our life
Glory unto You O Lord.”*

HYMN FOR ST ANDREW

*“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.”*

HYMN FOR STS PETER PAUL

*“O Leaders of the Apostles,
and teachers of the world, intercede with Master of all
that He may grant peace unto the world,
and to our souls His great mercy.”*

KONTAKION NATIVITY HYMN

*“On this day the Virgin comes 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.”*

*“I Parthenos simeron, ton proeonion Logon,
en spileo erhete apotekin aporritos.
Horeve, I ikoumeni, akoutisthisa;
doxason meta Angelon ke ton Pimenon,
voulithenta epofthine, pedion neon,
ton pro eonon Theon.”*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Orthros Gospel: Mark 16:9-20

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-7

Gospel: St Luke 18:18-27

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

SECOND ORTHROS GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 16:9-20

When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they sat at table; and he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, "Go into all the world and

preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it. Amen.

EPISTLE: ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS 4:1-7

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you

were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad,

for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

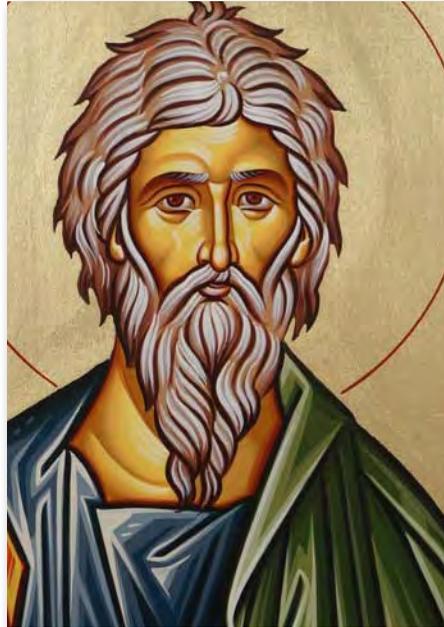


ST ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED

The Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called was the first of the Apostles to follow Christ, and he later brought his own brother, the Holy 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, Saint Andrew became his closest disciple. Declaring Christ to be the Lamb of God, Saint John the Baptist himself sent to Christ his own two disciples, the future Apostles Andrew and John the Theologian.

After the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, Saint 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 Dniepr he climbed to the place where the city of Kiev now stands.

He stopped overnight on the hills of Kiev. 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 a great city here, and God shall raise up many churches." The apostle went up around the hills, blessed them and set up a cross. Having prayed, he went up even further along the Dniepr and reached a settlement of the Slavs, where Novgorod was built. From here the apostle went through the land of the Varangians towards Rome for preaching, and again he returned to Thrace, where in the small village of Byzantium, the future Constantinople, he founded the Church of Christ. The name of the holy Apostle Andrew links the mother, the Church of Constantinople, with her daughter, the Russian Church.



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. In Sinope they pelted him with stones, but remaining unharmed, the persistent disciple of Christ continued to preach to people about the Savior. Through the prayers of the Apostle, the Lord worked miracles. 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 Patras, where he was destined to suffer martyrdom.

The Lord worked many miracles through the disciple in Patras. The infirm were made whole, and the blind received their sight. Through the prayers of the Apostle, the illustrious citizen Sosios recovered from serious illness and Maximilla and Stratokles, the wife and brother of the governor of Patras, were healed. The miracles accomplished by the Apostle and his fiery speech enlighten almost all the citizens of the city of Patras with the true Faith.

Few pagans remained in Patras, but among them was the prefect of the city, Aegeatos. the Apostle Andrew repeatedly turned to him with the words of the Gospel. But even the miracles of the Apostle did not convince Aegeatos. The holy Apostle with love and humility appealed to his soul, striving to reveal to him the Christian mystery of life eternal, through the wonderworking power of the Holy Cross of the Lord. The angry Aegeatos gave orders to crucify the Apostle. Th pagan thought he might unto Saint Andrew's preaching if he were to put him to death on the cross.

Saint Andrew the First-Called accepted the decision of the prefect with joy and with prayer to the Lord,

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ELDER PAISIOS, THE APOSTLE ANDREW AND THE EARTHQUAKE THAT SHOOK PATRAS

On 14 July 1993, chaos came over the city of Patras when an afternoon earthquake struck and shook up people's lives. During the earthquake, Elder Paisios had a vision on Mount Athos, as he was laying on a bed of suffering one year prior to his death. He saw the Apostle Andrew, the protector and patron of the city of Patras,

praying intensely and with tears to our Lord Jesus Christ, saying: "Save my city, save my city." Immediately Elder Paisios contacted Metropolitan Nikodemos of Patras, who informed his suffering flock and remind them their protector. It is believed for this reason Patras was saved from any major catastrophe.

BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST

Abbot Tryphon

Every time we gather together in celebration of the Divine Liturgy, we are not just commemorating an event that happened two thousand years ago, nor simply reenacting the Last Supper Christ shared with His disciples. When we come together to celebrate the Eucharist, we are entering into an event already in progress.

Each and every Liturgy celebrated unites us with an event that is taking place in the here and now. Liturgy is not celebrated anew, for only one Eucharistic banquet was celebrated, and that was when our Lord offered up the first Mystical Supper together with His disciples. Our offering is a rejoining of ourselves to that very moment in time when Christ is with His disciples.

At the moment of the eucharistic offering, we are made holy, just as the words spoken by the priest suggest:

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and went willingly to the place of execution. In order to prolong the suffering of the saint, Aegeatos gave orders not to nail the saint's hands and feet, but to tie them to the cross. For two days the apostle taught the citizens who gathered about. The people, in listening to him, with all their souls pitied him and tried to take Saint Andrew down from the cross. Fearing a riot of the people, Aegeatos gave orders to stop the execution. But the holy apostle began to pray that the Lord would grant him death on the cross. Just as the soldiers tried to take hold of the Apostle Andrew, they lost control of their hands. The crucified apostle, having given glory to God, said: "Lord Jesus Christ, receive my spirit." Then

"The Holy Gifts are for the holy people of God." In the Eucharist, we are made a holy people and set apart from the world. We become a people brought together in Christ, no longer apart and no longer alone. In each Liturgy we are joined to Christ and made as one Body, which is the Church.

The bread that has been set forth for the eucharistic offering becomes the Body of Christ and prepares us to be the the Body of Christ. We are united in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy with the eternal eucharistic banquet that is ongoing in Paradise. As the faithful, we are brought together with all the saints who have gone before us. We will be united with them and our fellow Christians as one Body, which is the Church.



a blazing ray of divine light illumined the cross and the martyr crucified upon it. When the light faded, the holy Apostle Andrew had already given up his holy soul to the Lord. Maximilla, the wife of the prefect, had the body of the saint taken down from the cross, and buried him with honor.

A few centuries later, under the 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 Saint Paul's disciple Saint Timothy.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATE 11/29/20

The revised Colorado Safer-at-Home guidelines set forth by the Governor of Colorado allow Sts Peter Paul to 45 people in Church during the services.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT MASKS ARE
REQUIRED AND TO BE PROPERLY WORN
AT ALL SERVICES INCLUDING ALL
WEEKDAY SERVICES.**

Please be considerate and sign up for only one of the services (Divine Liturgy) offered during the week. Please allow others to sign up if you have already attended, especially if it was the prior Sunday. If at the end of the week (Saturday evening), the list is not filled, then please sign up. If you did not sign up or prefer not to attend on Sunday, Holy Communion will be offered from 11:30 - 12 noon.

The weekly schedule of services are as follows:

- Wednesday, December 2, Paracletis Service & Holy Unction, 5pm (*no sign up required*)
- Saturday, December 5, Divine Liturgy, 9am
- Saturday Evening Vespers, December 5, 5pm (*no sign up required*)
- Sunday Divine Liturgy, December 6, 9:30 am

The fellowship Hall will remain closed on Sundays. The Welcome committee and members of the Parish Council will offer coffee & pastry 'To Go' at the end of service. Due to recent restrictions, in person Sunday School, Classes and Bible Studies are discontinued until further notice. The Wednesday Bible is available via 'zoom.' Father Jordan will offer a youth discussion via 'zoom' beginning December 5th (details TBA).



Philoptochos 2020 Holiday Gift Card Drive

**LAST DAY to order gift cards
for December 6th delivery.**

Lis Troicky will be taking your orders and payments. Contact Lis with any questions and to place your order: etroick@aol.com or 720-771-7786.

Gift cards are perfect for gift-giving for Christmas, as well as; birthdays, graduations, for those in need, and purchases you're planning to make in-store or on-line.

Over 700 retailers are available and give 2-18% of sales back to Philoptochos. 100% of all proceeds go to support those in need.

Thank you for your support of our Philoptochos!
Follow this link to see the entire list of retailers and start shopping today!

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY DECEMBER 2ND, 10 AM

Please join us via live stream zoom. We will be discussing the life of St Andrew the First-Called Apostle. The scripture study will be St John 1:35-52.



ORTHODOX FAITH SERIES

Classes scheduled for November and December have been canceled due to the most recent health care restrictions. Our hope and prayer is to resume the Orthodox Christian Faith Series in January 2021. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith, please contact Father Jordan at frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434.

HOME VISITATIONS

Father Jordan is available to make home visitations for our elderly, shut ins, and all those with 'high risk' health challenges. Please do not hesitate to contact Father Jordan to schedule a visit. Parishioners with 'high risk' health challenges are welcome to visit the church during the week to schedule a time to pray and receive the Holy Sacraments.



WE CAN'T HELP WITHOUT YOU!

Last month people donated over \$150.00 worth of canned goods. Along with donations from church, I was able to deliver close to 200 cans of meat.



**They were so Thankful!
Let's keep it up!**

There is a box outside the church building to drop off your donation. If you would like us to shop for you, we will be taking donations. You can contact Ashley Dzilvelis at ashleydz1@hotmail.com or send money via Venmo to @AshDz. You can also mail a check to Julie Powers, please contact her for her address (powerjulie@gmail.com), and put "Our Center" in the memo line.



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ABOUT OUR PARISH

We welcome visitors worshipping with us today. Our diverse church family encompasses many converts to the Orthodox Christian Faith, as well as Greek, Arab, Romanian, Serbian and Russian Orthodox Christians. The foundation of the Orthodox Church are the teachings and Holy Tradition of Jesus Christ. We follow the first Christians who began to worship Jesus Christ after the Crucifixion and Resurrection.



Please introduce yourself to our priest and members of our community. We also encourage you to join us for our fellowship after services in the parish hall and visit our bookstore. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, please visit with our priest, Fr. Jordan Brown.

HOLY COMMUNION IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

Holy Communion is reserved only for baptized and/or chrismated Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared by prayer, fasting, and confession.

The Orthodox Church understands the reception of Holy Communion to be the highest expression of our faith. Both Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike are invited to receive the 'antidoro' (blessed bread) at the end of the Divine Liturgy.



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RECURRING SERVICES

Orthros - Sundays, 8:15am
Divine Liturgy - Sundays, 9:30am
Great Vespers - Saturdays, 5pm
Confession by appointment.