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DECEMBER 13, 2020
HOLY APOSTLE ANDREW, THE FIRST-CALLED
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Readings

Ephesians 6:10-17
1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel Readings

Luke 13:10-17
John 1:35-51

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

Troparion (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Troparion for the Holy Apostle Andrew

Andrew, first-called of the Apostles and brother of the foremost disciple, entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world and to our souls great mercy.

Kontakion (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion for the Holy Apostle Andrew

Let us praise Andrew, the herald of God, the namesake of courage, the first-called of the Savior’s disciples and the brother of Peter. As he once called to his brother, he now cries out to us: “Come, for we have found the One whom the world desires!”

St. Luke Gift Shop

Visit the Gift Shop for holiday gift giving ideas: icons, handcrafted items and classic books from St. Tikhon’s and other monasteries. Contact Louise at 703-409-1168.

Welcome to everyone praying with us today in person. Thank you for following our safety guidelines. May all who are in the Church and those livestreaming experience the great joy of the Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour follows each gathering

Nativity Fast and the Sacrament of Confession – Before January 7

In preparing ourselves for Christ to be born within us during this season, all parishioners are encouraged to go to the Sacrament of Confession during the Nativity Fast. Fr. John can hear your Confession either in person or over the phone -- by appointment only.” john.vitko@gmail.com, 925-667-6451.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, December 16 – Online at 7PM

Join in the study of “The Return of the Prodigal Son” with the conclusion on Grief, Forgiveness and Generosity. Fr. John will email a summary and Zoom link.

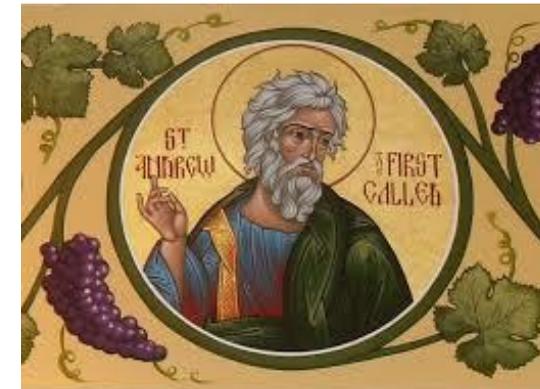
A Special Opportunity to Help "Our Neighbor" during These Especially Trying COVID Times – Sunday, December 20

Our Faith in Action Team knows of a local struggling family needing financial help and gifts for four children: boy age 13, twin girls age 10 and a girl age 7. Bring or drop off games, books, art/music gifts, etc. at Church next weekend. Call Donna at 703-508-0549 about checks, grocery & Target, Wal-Mart gift cards & Venmo.

God Grant You Many Years!

God bless Magdalene Bragulla, Mark Damjan and Val Maksimovic on their birthdays this coming week. Mnogaja ljeta!

God bless everyone who commemorates St. Nicholas as their personal or family Patron Saint (Slava) on December 19. Fr. John can bless a Kolach on Sunday, December 20th after Divine Liturgy. Srećna slava! Mnogaja ljeta!



St. Andrew journeyed through Asia Minor and the eastern Slavic lands. His fiery speech enlightened almost all the citizens of the cities and he establish many Churches. He was made to endure sufferings and torments from pagans; for two days on a cross, he continued to preach the Gospel. His last words: “Lord Jesus Christ, receive my spirit.”