

# Vespers on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Holy And All-Praised Apostle Andrew, the First-Called

“LORD, I CALL ...”

**Tone 8**

[Music on website / Sheet]

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!  
Hear me, O Lord!  
Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!  
Receive the voice of my prayer,  
when I call upon Thee!//  
Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise  
in Thy sight as incense,  
and let the lifting up of my hands  
be an evening sacrifice!//  
Hear me, O Lord!

*Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy Name.*

**Tone 8 (For the Resurrection)**

[Music on website / Sheet]

We offer to Thee, O Christ,  
our evening song and reasonable service,  
for Thou didst will to have mercy on us//  
by Thy Resurrection.

*The righteous will surround me, for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.*

Lord, Lord, do not cast us away from Thy face!  
For Thou didst will to have mercy on us//  
by Thy Resurrection.

*Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

Rejoice, O holy Zion:  
Mother of the churches, the abode of God,  
for thou wast the first to receive remission of sins//  
by the Resurrection.

*Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

The Word of God the Father,  
begotten before the ages,  
in the latter times willed to be incarnate of the Virgin  
and endured crucifixion unto death.  
He has saved mortal man//  
by His Resurrection.

*If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

**Tone 4 (For the Holy Apostle Andrew)**

When He Who is called the Morning Star,  
the Splendor of the glory of the eternal Father,  
in His great mercy took up His abode on earth,  
thou, O glorious Andrew, wast the first to meet Him,  
for thy heart was enlightened with the perfect brightness of His divinity.  
We bless thee as the herald of the Apostles of Christ our God.//  
Pray that He may save and enlighten our souls!

*For Thy Name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

*Repeat:* When He Who is called.....

*From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

O all-wise Andrew,  
when the all-holy Word became incarnate,  
bringing life and salvation to all the earth,  
thou didst hearken to the voice of the Forerunner  
and wast the first to follow Him.  
Thou wast offered to Him as the first fruits of the human race.  
Thou didst reveal Him to Peter, thy brother.//  
Pray that He may save and enlighten our souls!

*For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

*Repeat:* O all-wise Andrew.....

*Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

When He Who clothed Himself in human flesh,  
taking our nature from the fruitful womb of the Virgin,  
appeared on earth as the Teacher of righteousness,  
thy heart was made glad, O Andrew, lover of purity.  
He raised thee from earth to the ineffable glory of Christ our God.//  
Pray that He may save and enlighten our souls!

*For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

*Repeat:* When He Who clothed Himself.....

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 4** *(For the Holy Apostle Andrew)*

Leaving behind thy fishnets, O Apostle Andrew,  
thou didst catch men with the net of thy preaching.  
Throwing to us the bait of righteousness,  
thou didst deliver all nations from the depths of error.  
O Apostle Andrew, brother of the foremost disciple,  
all-glorious and never-failing intercessor.//  
may the celebration of thy memory enlighten all who dwell in darkness!

*Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 8** *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

[Music on website / Sheet]

The King of heaven, because of His love for man,  
appeared on earth and dwelt with men.  
He took flesh from the pure Virgin  
and after assuming it, He came forth from her.  
The Son is one: in two natures, yet one Person.  
Proclaiming Him as perfect God and perfect Man,  
we confess Christ our God!//  
Entreat Him, O unwedded Mother, to have mercy on our souls.

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## NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

### The Reading from the First Epistle of Saint Peter.

[1 Peter 1:3 – 9]

Brethren, blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.

### The Reading from the First Epistle of Saint Peter.

[1 Peter 1:13 – 19]

Beloved, gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, set your hope fully upon the grace that is coming to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." And if you invoke as Father him who judges each one impartially according to his deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

### The Reading from the First Epistle of Saint Peter.

[1 Peter 2:11 – 24]

Beloved, I beseech you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh that wage war against your soul. Maintain good conduct among the Gentiles, so that in case they speak against you as wrongdoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil; but live as servants of God. Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to the kind and gentle but also to the overbearing. For one is approved if, mindful of God, he endures pain while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it, if when you do wrong and are beaten for it you take it patiently? But if when you do right and suffer for it you take it patiently, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. He committed no sin; no guile was found on his lips. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he trusted to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

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## APOSTICHA

### Tone 8 (*For the Resurrection*)

Descending from heaven to ascend the Cross,  
the eternal Life has come for death  
to raise those who are fallen;  
to enlighten those in darkness.//  
O Jesus, our Savior and illuminator, glory to Thee!

*V. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!*

We glorify Christ, who rose from the dead.  
He accepted the human body and soul,  
and freed both from suffering.  
His most pure soul descended to hell, which He spoiled.  
His holy body did not see corruption in the tomb.//  
He is the Redeemer of our souls.

*V. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.*

In psalms and songs we glorify Thy Resurrection from the dead, O Christ.  
By it, Thou hast freed us from the tortures of hell//  
and as God hast granted eternal life and great mercy.

*V. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!*

O Master of all, incomprehensible Creator of heaven and earth,  
by Thy suffering on the Cross Thou hast gained passionlessness for me.  
Accepting burial and arising in glory,  
Thou didst resurrect Adam with Thyself by Thine almighty hand.  
Glory to Thy rising on the third day!  
By it Thou hast granted us eternal life and cleansing of sins//  
as the only compassionate One.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 3 (For the Holy Apostle Andrew)**

We honor thee in songs, O Apostle Andrew,  
brother of Peter and disciple of Christ,  
fisherman and fisher of men;  
thou didst shape all dogmas with the wisdom of Christ.  
As fish are lured into a net,  
so didst thou catch transgressors with the bait of truth.//  
Through his prayers, O Christ, grant us peace and great mercy!

*Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 3 (For the Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ)**

Tell us, O Joseph:  
how is it that thou bringest to Bethlehem, great with child,  
the Maiden whom thou didst receive  
from the Holy of Holies?  
"I have searched the Prophets," he said.  
"I have been instructed by an angel.  
I am convinced that Mary will give birth to God,  
in a manner beyond understanding.  
Wise men from the East will come to worship Him,  
offering precious gifts in adoration."//  
O Lord, incarnate for us, glory to Thee!

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## TROPARIA

**Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 8**

[Music on website / Green Book page 16]

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!  
Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//  
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Troparion of the Holy Apostle Andrew in Tone 4**

[Music on website / Sheet]

O 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!

*Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

**Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion in Tone 4**

[\[Music on website / Sheet\]](#)

The mystery hidden from before the ages  
and unknown even to the angels,  
through thee, O Theotokos,  
hath been revealed to those on earth:  
God incarnate in unconfused union,  
Who willingly accepted the Cross for our sake,  
and thereby raising up the first-formed man, //  
hath saved our souls from death.

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