

Saintly Notes

St. Andrew, Archbishop of Crete (July 4)

Andrew was born in Damascus of Christian parents. He was a mute from birth until the age of seven. When his parents brought him to church and he received Holy Communion, he began to speak. So great is the power of the Divine and Holy Communion.

At age fourteen, Andrew went to Jerusalem and was tonsured in the Lavra of St. Sabas the Sanctified. By virtue of his understanding and asceticism, he surpassed many of the older monks and was an example to them. After a while, the patriarch took him as his personal secretary.

When the Monothelite heresy began to rage the heresy which taught that the Lord Jesus did not possess a human will but only a divine will, the Sixth Ecumenical Council convened in Constantinople in the year A.D. 681 during the reign of Constantine IV [Bearded One]. Theodore, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, was unable to attend the council but sent Andrew as his representative who, at that time, was an Archdeacon. At the council, Andrew displayed his wonderful gift of oratory, his zeal for the Faith and rare prudence. Having assisted in strengthening the Orthodox Faith, Andrew returned to his duties in Jerusalem.

Later, he was elected and installed as the Archbishop of the Island of Crete. As an archbishop, he was greatly loved by the people. Andrew was very zealous for Orthodoxy and vehemently eradicated all heresies. Through his prayers he worked miracles. By his prayers, he drove the Saracens from the Island of Crete.

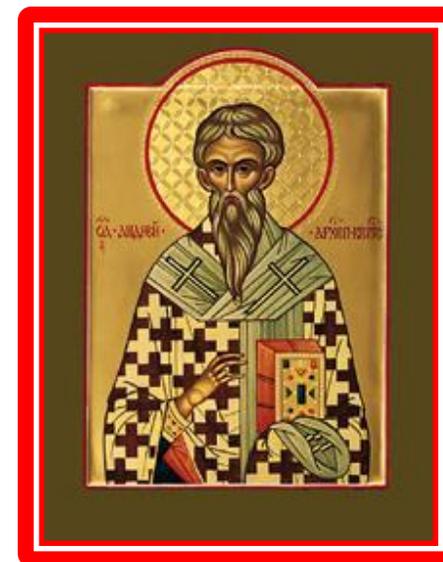
Andrew wrote many books of instruction, hymns and canons of which the most renown is the Great Canon to the Birth-giver of God read on Thursday of the Fifth Sunday of the Great Lenten Season. His outward appearance was such that “seeing his face and hearing his words flowing like honey, everyone found pleasure and amended their ways.”

On one occasion, returning from Constantinople, Andrew foretold his death before he arrived in Crete. And so it happened. When the boat in which he traveled sailed near the island of Mitylene, this beacon of the Church ended his earthly life and with his soul, took up habitation in the Kingdom of Christ in the year 721 A.D.

(The Prologue from Ochrid)

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The Saints Whom We Remember

Andrew, archbishop of Crete, author of the Great Canon;
Martyrs Theodore of Cyrene and Lucia; Venerable Andrei Rublev

This Week's Schedule

Today: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy
Monday: Church Office Closed
Wednesday: 9:15a 3rd Hour Prayers; 6:30p Daily Vespers
Saturday: 5:30p Great Vespers
Sunday: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

First Antiphon

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Third Antiphon

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Little Entrance

- † *Entrance Hymn:* "Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ . . . Alleluia."
† *Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4):* See above.
† *Troparion for St. Andrew (Tone 8)*
Guide of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness, luminary of the world, God-inspired adornment of hierarchs, O wise Andrew of Crete, by thy teachings thou hast enlightened all, O harp of the Spirit. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.
† *Troparion for All Saints (Tone 4):*
As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people,

grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

- † *Kontakion for Ordinary Sundays (Tone 2):* O Protection of Christians that is not put to shame, unchanging Mediation before the Creator, despise not the voice of the sinners' prayer, but in that thou art good, come quickly to help us who call upon thee in faith. Make speed to intercede and make haste to supplicate, O Theotokos, who dost ever protect those that honor thee.

The Trisagion

"Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy . . ."

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: 2 Cor. 6:1-10
Gospel: Matt. 9:27-35

Alegalynarion

(Tone 8)

It is truly meet and right to bless thee. . .

Communion Hymn

Tone 8

Praise the Lord . . . Alleluia.

Post-Communion Hymn

We have seen the true light . . .

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

Ethan Haynes, Rim Gibrealfa, John Pridgen, Jonah Sieck, Michael Fogg, Justin Fogg, Aidan Labrozzi.

Special Attention

- **Building Project Update:** This past week the framing for the breezeway that will connect our two buildings was begun. Framing on the central dome continued and the floor tile in the bathrooms was almost completed. In addition, the HVAC units were installed and we should see the beginning of sheetrock being put up in the nave this week.
- **Ladies, Save These Dates:** We will have our annual summer Brunch and Bible Study sessions on these dates: July 17, August 14. We'll meet from 9-11:30 am on those dates. More details will be coming soon. *Rh. Barbara*
- **Extraordinary Special Gifts for Our New Temple.** Fr. Nicholas will soon distribute a list of items that will be needed for our new Temple and Education wing. Items such as icons, stain glass windows, bells, furniture, etc. You will have an opportunity to donate toward these items at that time. Items might be donated in memory of someone or in honor of a special occasion in your family or for any reason that you find appropriate. More details will follow.
- **New Chairs for Our New Temple.** Soon (in approximately 80 days) we will be worshipping in our new Temple. We need to purchase new chairs for the nave and to do this we are asking all of our members to participate in a project explained by the insert in your bulletin this morning. Please read it carefully and then prayerfully make a decision about your level of participation. Our goal is to have 300 new chairs in place for our first Divine Liturgy in our new temple.

New Chairs for Our New Nave (as of 6/27/2010)

<u>\$s Donated</u>	<u>#of Chairs</u>
\$275	5 (of 300 needed)

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

Thou, O Lord, wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation.

Save me, O Lord, for the Godly man hath disappeared.

†**Epistle: Rom. 12:6–14 (RSV)**

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

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my son; your sins are forgiven."

And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

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