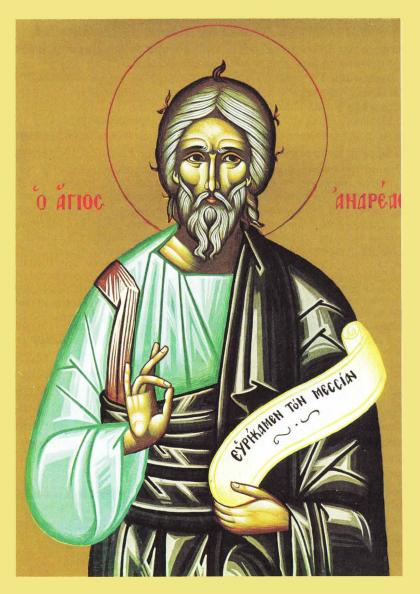
# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



Icon of Saint Andrew the Apostle -- November 30th

#### November 28, 2010 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 5

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 – FEAST OF ST. ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED, APOSTLE 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

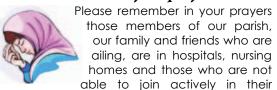
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 – 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

#### & Remember in your prayers & &



community. Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Sr. Marie Arendes, Susan Avant, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Maria Hughes, Natalie, Maria Leskiw, Lesya Loznycky, John Pasichny, Nadia Popov, Orysia Rosul, Peter Rutman, Sonia Shashkewych, and Sophia Skop. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.

Many Thanks to all who put so much work into making last weekend's Anniversary Celebration such a success: all who sang, all who took care of the flowers, all who prepared the parish grounds and buildings, all who cleaned, all who contributed to the pot-luck. Thanks also to all who contributed photographs and information for the commemorative booklet especially Myra Heltsley who, in very trying circumstances supplied a tremendous portion of recent parish history. Most especially thanks to Luke Miller for his untiring work in chairing the Anniversary Committee, organizing and directing the choir, and finally Emceeing the Banquet. May God bless him and all those who worked so diligently. Many Blessed Years! Многая і Благая Літа!

#### Remember Those In The Armed Forces

Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed Forces: Mark Belcher, Gratian Fredricks, Carl Haines, Jr., Adrian,



Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Oksanna Hirniak, Andrew Hrynkiw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyl Lylak, Thomas Orr, Paul Richelmi, Michael Stefanyshyn and Brian Tuthill. Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James.

#### Eparchial Jubilee Icon

Our parish is blessed for a second weekend to have the Eparchial Jubilee Icon of the Protection of the Mother of God. This icon was specially written by Hieromonk Damian (Higgins) for the Eparchy's Golden Jubilee celebration culminating next year in Chicago.

#### **Greeting Cards**

Christmas Cards and various other greeting cards are for sale in the Church Hall. Please see Mary Kitt to purchase.

#### St. Nicholas Celebration

**Next Sunday**, December 5th we will celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas:

- Following the Liturgy there will be a Potluck meal. \*\*\*Due to serious allergies among our fellow parishioners, please do NOT bring items with nuts (especially peanuts and walnuts) or mushrooms.\*\*\*\*
- Following the meal will be a short catechetical presentation on St. Nicholas ending with a visit from St. Nicholas himself.
- Parents please note: «Ηεδεςμα Καμςεπαρία» (The Heavenly Office) will be open starting at 8:45 AM. Please see Olena in the Pastor's Office. Please limit packages to 1 per child with a maximum value of \$25.00.
- We need volunteers to help decorate the hall for the Celebration. We will begin at 4:30 PM Saturday, December 4th and end with Vespers for the Sunday.

## St. Andrew the First-Called Commemorated on November 30

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

After the Descent of the Holy Spirit, St Andrew went to the Eastern lands preaching. 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 Dnipro he climbed to the place where the city of Kyiv now stands.

He stopped overnight on the hills of Kyiv. 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 be 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. He later returned to Thrace, where in the small Byzantium, village of the Constantinople, he founded the Church of Christ. The holy Andrew links the mother Church of Constantinople, with daughter, the Kyivan Church.

On his journeys the First-Called Apostle endured many sufferings and torments from pagans. 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 Patra, where he was destined to suffer martyrdom.

The Lord worked many miracles through His disciple in Patra. Few pagans remained at Patra, but among them was the prefect of the city, Aegeatos. The angry Aegeatos gave orders to crucify the apostle. The pagan thought he might undo St Andrew's preaching if he were to put him to death on the cross.

St. Andrew the First-Called accepted the decision of the prefect with joy and with prayer to the Lord, and went willingly to his execution.

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 St Paul's disciple St Timothy.



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#### Saint Andrew the Apostle

The New Testament states that Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter, by which it is inferred that he was likewise a son of Jonah, or John (Matthew 16:17; John 1:42). He was born in Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee (John 1:44). Both he and his brother Peter were fishermen by trade, and so the tradition that Jesus called them to be his disciples by saying that he will make them "fishers of men."

The Gospel of John states that Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist, whose testimony first led him and John the Evangelist to follow Jesus (John 1:35-40). Andrew at once recognized Jesus as the Messiah, and hastened to introduce him to his brother (John 1:41). Subsequently, the two brothers were disciples of Christ, and they left all things to follow Jesus. In the gospels Andrew is referred to as being present on some important occasions as one of the disciples more closely attached to Jesus.

Eusebius quotes Origen as saying Andrew preached in Asia Minor and in Scythia, along the Black Sea as far as the Volga and Kiev. Hence he became a patron saint of Ukraine, Romania and Russia. According to tradition, he founded the See of Byzantium (Constantinople) in AD 38, installing Stachys as bishop. His presence in Byzantium is also mentioned in the apocryphal Acts of Andrew, written in the second century. This diocese would later develop into the Patriarchate of Constantinople. Andrew is recognized as its patron saint.