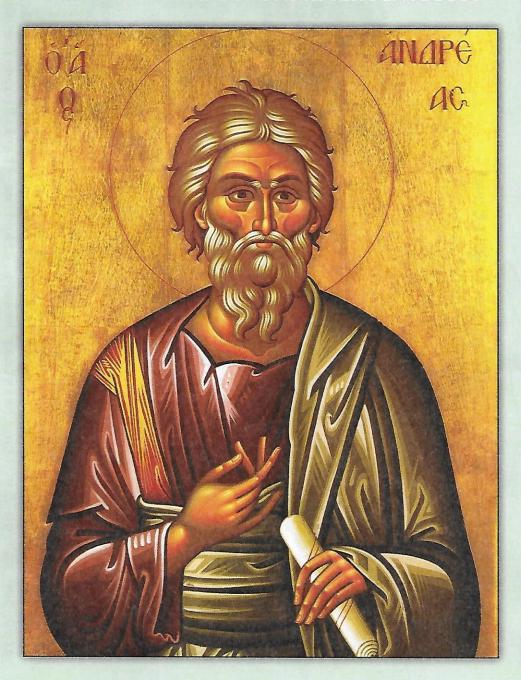
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Andrew -- November 30th

Many Calls for the Chosen

The first call that shaped St. Andrew's life was the very timing and place of his birth. The second call that shaped Andrew's life came through John the Baptist. Andrew must have been an alert young man longing for the coming of the Messiah when he first heard the preaching of John. Andrew's third call came from Jesus himself. The fourth call that shaped Andrew's life was to follow Jesus, to be his disciple, a student in daily contact with Jesus, walking and talking with him, listening and learning from the Master, as from a Rabbi. The fifth call that changed Andrew's life was his selection by Jesus as one of the twelve apostles, to give witness, to preach, to bring others to Christ. Andrew, the student, was chosen to become a teacher sent by Christ. His sixth call came through pious Greeks at the Passover in Jerusalem. They wanted to see Jesus, to be introduced to him. The boy from Bethsaida began using his language skills, his un-

derstanding of Greek and Roman culture, to bring Gentiles to Jesus. St. Gregory Nazianzen, St. Jerome, and St. Paulinus tell us that after Pentecost Andrew became an apostle to people in the land of Greece, the bordering lands, and as tradition tells us, ultimately to Byzantium. The final call in Andrew's life was to martyrdom by crucifixion on an X shaped cross at Patras in Achaia.

Saint Andrew's vocation, and ours as well, wasn't given all at once, but gradually. Seven calls from the Lord built one upon the other throughout the course of his life. Andrew's response to each call gave new shape to his life and prepared him for the next gift of God. This courageous young man, by purity of heart and docile obedience to God's will became in St. Bede's words, "The Introducer to Christ." He introduced his brother to Jesus, and the Greeks and Scythians.

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"Glory to Jesus Christ!"
"Slava Isusu Khristoo!"

November 24, 2019 The 24th Sunday

THIS SUNDAY AT 9 am our parish school will lead us in the prayers of the Holy Liturgy. Students, teachers and staff will bring gifts of food and place near the altar these gifts as a sign of their love for our brothers and sisters in need. We thank all our School personnel for giving us this witness to Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

THIS SATURDAY AT 6 PM the men of our local Council of the Knights of Columbus will attend the Holy Liturgy and pray for all the Knights who have died this year. We welcome these good men and their Grand Knight Mark Kochanowsky to our parish. God bless the Knights for all their goodness and Christian generosity in aiding our local needy and our parish all these many years.

THIS MONTH OF NOVEMBER we have been instructed to count all the people in church for the weekend Liturgies, so the Archbishop can check on the progress and vtality of our Parish. Please be sure that you and all your family are in attendance this week and next for this purpose.

WE THANK THE TEN YOUNG MEN, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ONE WOMAN, WHO DECORated our church for the Christmas season. And we thank Floyd for assembling the figurines at the grotto this past week; and we thank Sue and Tom Gretchen, along with Michele Burns, for seeing to the Christmas decoration of our church interior. God bless all these fine young folks for their love for the Lord and His Church here in Bridgeport.

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL NEXT Sunday, as we take a Thanksgiving break this week. We trust that all our families will gather on Thursday to share a fine turkey dinner and join together to thank the Lord for all His love and blessings this year. SMACHNOHO!

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS WEEK all our parish sick and infirm folks, especially Helen Guman, Anna Sokol Burns, Maryanne Cameron, Barbara Breitbarth, Anna bryngelevich, Mary T. Johnson and Two-year-old Hadley. Perhaps a prayer, a card, a kind word...?

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

+Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus
Sunday, 9 am +Maria Maniuszyn (Daughter Maryanna)
Thursday, 8 am For all the parish sickly and elderly
Friday, 7 am Health of the Fedoryshyn (Oksana Fedoryshyn)Family
Saturday, 8 am +Deceased Members of the Maruszczak Family (Bill, Bridget)
Saturday, 6 pm +Anna Kerick (Daughter Theresa)
Sunday, 9 am +George Halas (The Parish Ushers)

Saturday, 6 pm +Mary Nicola (Son Joseph Nicola)

TODAY'S TROPAR: By Your Cross You destroyed death and opened paradise to the good thief. You stopped the sighs of the Myrrhbearing women and ordered them to tell the Apostles that You rose from the dead, O Christ our God, Who bestows mercy on the world.

GLORY TO THE FATHER ANDTHE...

TODAY'S KONTAK:

No longer can the power of death hold mortals in captivity, for Christ has descended to shattering its might.

Hell is fettered as the prophets rejoice. The Savior appeared to the

believers saying: "Come forth unto the Resurrection, amen."

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: The Lord will give strength to His People and

bless all of them with peace on earth.

TR. Ronald