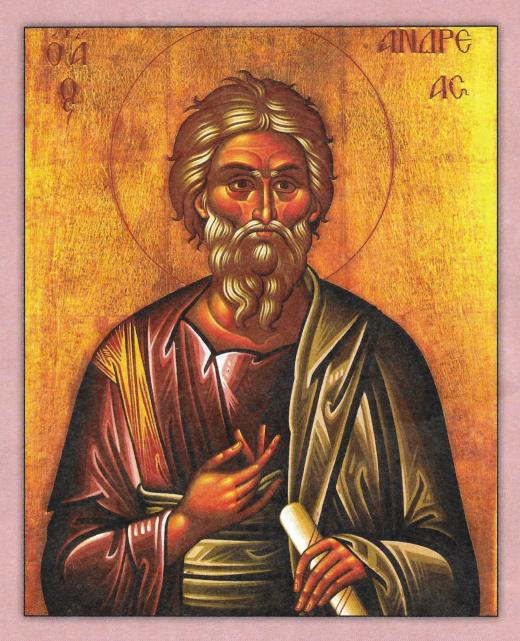
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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!

Nov. 27-28, 2021 the 27th Sunday

THIS WEEKEND we will livestream the Holy Liturgy on Sunday, the 28th at 9 am. Next weekend we plan to once again livestream the Liturgy on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 6 pm. Please inform all your relatives and your friends about this wonderful chance to sing and pray with us no matter where you live. It's all free and all for you!

THE FEAST of St. Nicholas, the Patron Saint of all our ukrainian Churches will be celebrated next weekend in our Parish. This saintly bishop of Myra in Asia Minor (today's Turkey) is widely known for his love for and generosity toward his faithful. His holyday is remembered on Dec. 6 (new calendar) throughout the world.

The Pre-Christmas Fast is now upon as, as we prepare for the Feast of the Birth (Nativity) of our Lord Jesus the Christ. During this 40-day time of preparation we are to fast from all meat on Fridays, as well as both meat and dairy on Christmas Eve.

WE ARE PREPARING TO INSTALL A NEW ROOF ON THE RECTORY. We thank all the good and generous pople for their donations for this effort. Father is so thankful to all the faithful for their goodness to date, so that he will soon not be awakened by rain-drops falling on his head at night!

A SPECIAL TREAT awaits us all this Saturday evening, as the terrific Bridgeport fireworks display is all set for 6:30 pm Saturday eveving. From our property one can enjoy this display from the best viewing spot in all Bridgeport.

FLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS SOME OF OUR FOLKS QUITE ILL TODAY: Jerry Brady, Luba Jackson, Sophie Smoczylo, Tommy Newmaster and all out elderly and struggling faithful with a prayer, a note ...?

WE ARE SO VERY GRATEFUL TO ALL THOSE WHO WORKED ON OUR DECORATING team this Christmas season: Sue and Tom Gretchen, Floyd and Pam Pachella, Michele Burns and the AA men, Steve and Andy Marshalick. God bless all of you this Christmas with good health and great joy!

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 27, 6 pm

Sunday, Nov. 28, 9 am

Saturday, Dec. 4, 6 pm

Sunday, Dec. 5, 9 am

TODAY'S TROPAR:

Divinity. When You raised up the dead from their dark abodes, all the Heavenly Powers cried: O Life-Giver Christ, Glory be to You."

TODAY'S KONTAK: Adam and Eve rejoice and praise You forever.

TODAY"S PROKIMEN:

Ivan, Ivanna, Oleh, Olena, Roman, Lesia, Viktor, Serhij, Hanya Family

+Sofia, Mychaylo Yatcyshyn (Family) Luba Jachson in Thanksgiving +Walter, Antoinette (Lois, Debbie)

When You descended unto death, O Life Immorta You conquered hell with the splendor of Your GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE ...

You did rise from the tomb, O Savior Jesus,

as hell saw this miracle and feared and the dead arose. All creation saw this and exults with You, Lord Jesus, as My strength and song is the Lord, my salvatio

+Joseph Dudas (Wife Peg and Girls)

Love, Litoralce