

St Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church

30 November 2008

GRAVE MODE

THE HOLY APOSTLE ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN GRAVE MODE

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE IN MODE FOUR

Since thou art, O Andrew, the first-called of the Apostles and brother of the leader, intercede with the Master of all that he may grant peace to the world and Great Mercy to our souls.

- *Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF NATIVITY IN MODE THREE

The Virgin cometh today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth, at the message; with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him Who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He Who is from eternity, God.

THE EPISTLE (For the Apostle Andrew)

His voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

THE GOSPEL (For the Apostle Andrew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:35-51)

At that time John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to Him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where art Thou staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of Jonah? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter). The next day, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathaniel said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathaniel said to Him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathaniel answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

KOINONIKON for the Apostle

His sound hath gone forth unto all the earth and his words unto the ends of the world. Alleluia.

***** Announcements for the Week of November 30th *****

- ❖ **Fasting days:** The Nativity Fast on all days through Dec 24.
- ❖ **DAILY MATINS every day, except Thursday.**
- ❖ **Parish study RESUMES this Tuesday, December 2nd.** Our theme: "How to get into the Kingdom of Heaven." We will spend three weeks on this theme, using the famous catechism by St Innocent of Alaska. Each participant will receive a copy.
- ❖ **This Thursday is St Barbara's day.** Fr Patrick will join with other pilgrims in this, St Barbara Monastery's Name Day (in Santa Paula). **At the monastery: Vigil on Wednesday at 4 PM and Divine Liturgy on Thursday at 10 AM.**
- ❖ **Saturday is St Nicholas' Day.** Great Vespers on Friday at 6 PM; Festal Matins on Saturday at 7 AM. **NOTE:** Parents, the "coins in shoes" will occur during Vespers!