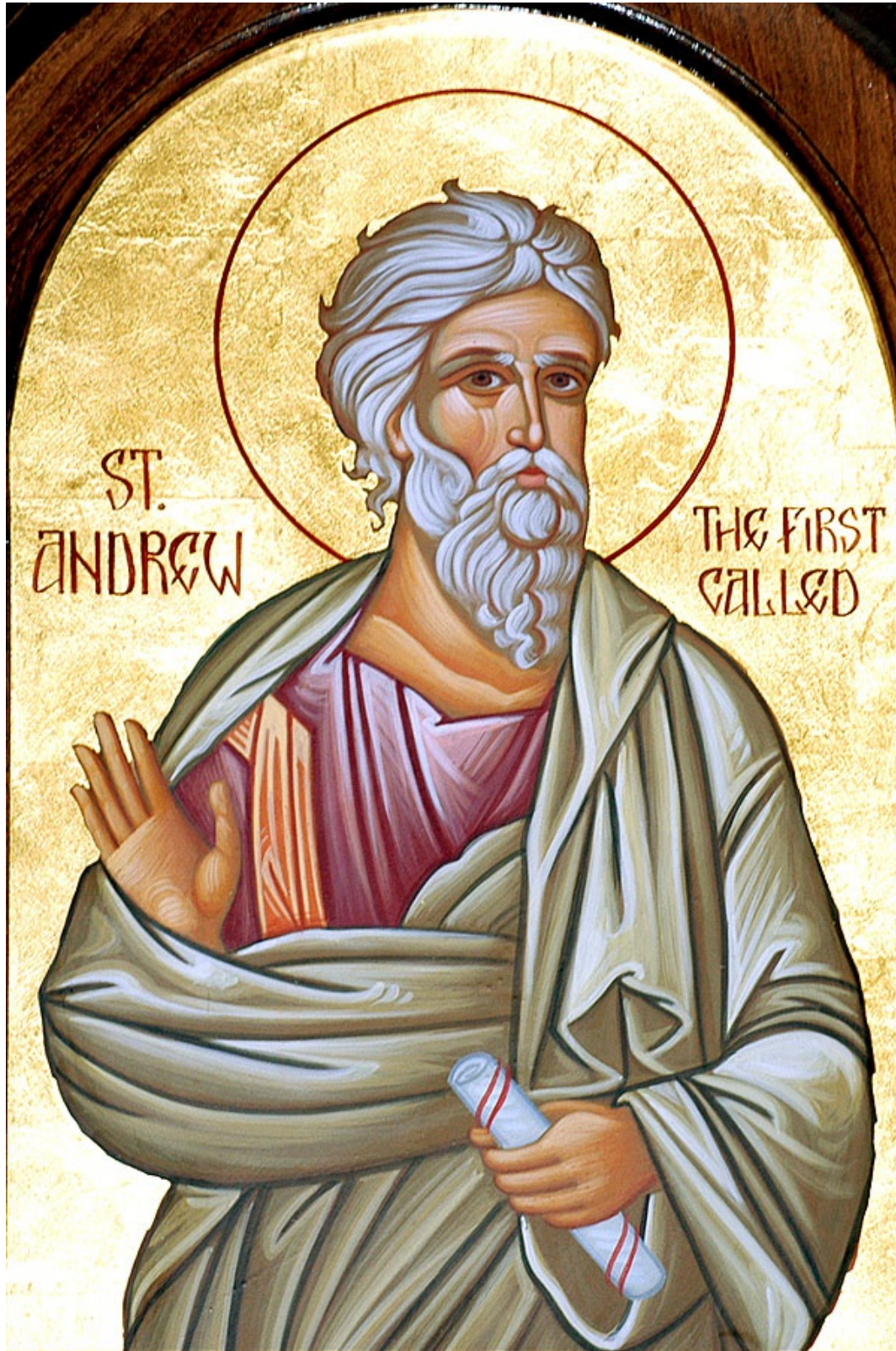


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**Priest:** Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**Reader:** Amen Glory to Thee O God. Glory to Thee. O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere and fills all things. Treasury of blessings and giver of life, come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity. And, save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty , Holy Immortal, have mercy on us **(3)**.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy **(3)**.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And, lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**Priest:** For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory of the

Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**Reader:** Amen.

### **Kondak 1**

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Standing in spirit upon the **summit** of the hill / whereon his right hand **raised** up a cross, / with hymns let us praise the most glorious **Andrew**, / the first-called **apostle** of Christ, / the preacher of the holy **Gospel**, / the divinely inspired enlightener of the **Russian** land; / and to him, as the first of the **followers** of the Church, / the first of all to follow **after** Christ, / let us **cry** out / in **compunction**:  
// Rejoice, O **Andrew**, first-called **apostle** of Christ!

### **Ikos 1**

**PRIEST:** An angelic herald of Christ, the Lamb Who takes away the sins of the world, were you, O apostle Andrew, and you abide with Him forever in Heaven. Wherefore, look upon the hymns offered to you here, and in that you are rich in the grace of God, grant us goodly discourse, that we may cry out to You:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, morning star which has shone forth upon us from the city of **Bethsaida**;  
Rejoice, brother of the preeminent Peter and equal to him in **honor**!  
Rejoice, disciple of the great **Forerunner** of Christ;  
Rejoice, you who, first among the apostles, were called to the apostolic ministry by the **Lord** Himself  
Rejoice, for you cried out to the others with joy: Come, we have found the longed-for **Messiah**:  
Rejoice, for you lead us **also** to Him!  
Rejoice, you who zealously spread the glad tidings of Christ among the

nations;

Rejoice, you who willingly gave yourself over to torments and crucifixion **for** His sake!

Rejoice, O **Andrew**, first-called **apostle** of Christ!

### **Kondak 2**

**PRIEST:** "Master, where do You dwell?" you asked the Savior of our souls, O Andrew; and having abode with Him one day, all the days of your life you loved the Messiah Whom you had found, and brought your eldest brother to Him. Wherefore, never cease to draw us, your younger brethren, to Him also, that, following in your steps, we may cry out with you to God: Alleluia!

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **Ikos 2**

**PRIEST:** Perceiving in you the flame of faith and love, O holy Andrew, the Lord found you with your brother again on the Lake of Gennesaret as a fisherman, casting your net into the deep; and He said to you: "Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men." And straightway you followed Him, and with the divinely inspired Word, as with a net, for Christ you fished for men; and with them we who have been ensnared by you unto salvation cry out to you:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, for you were taught the skill of spiritual fishing by the **Lord** Himself;

Rejoice, for, tempest-tossed with the other disciples on the same lake, you were saved by faith in the Lord Who rebuked the **wind** and sea!

Rejoice, you who acquired great faith when you saw the most wondrous feeding of the five thousand with five **loaves** of bread;

Rejoice, you received as a gift from the Lord the ability to heal every infirmity and **sickness!**

Rejoice, for a voice from heaven was heard because of the Greeks who were brought by you to **see** Christ;

Rejoice, for on the Mount of Olives things to come at the end of the world were **revealed** to you!

Rejoice, for like a star in the constellation of the apostles you shine celestial effulgence **upon** us;

Rejoice, for you were like a comet traversing the heavens, shedding rays of **grace** divine!

Rejoice, O **Andrew**, first-called **apostle** of Christ!

### **Kondak 3**

**PRIEST:** As a faithful friend of Christ, having enjoyed the Master's hospitality and the table of immortality in the upper room on Sion, with the rest of the apostles you beheld your Lord and God, and from Him you received the Holy Spirit, that you might bind and loose the sins of men. And again in that same upper room on Sion the abundant grace of the promised Spirit was poured forth upon you in tongues of fire. Wherefore, all the tribes of Israel marveled at how you spoke of the mighty works of God in their own language, chanting: Alleluia!

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **Ikos 3**

**PRIEST:** Having received from the Lord the commandment to preach the Gospel to all creation, you went about many cities and lands, O apostle Andrew, calling the people to the knowledge of the true God, and baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And with them we also have been granted the grace of baptism. Wherefore, we address hymns of thanksgiving to you:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, faithful proclaimer of the **wonders** of Christ,  
Rejoice, clarion-voiced herald of the Holy **Gospel!**  
Rejoice, abolisher of the worship of **idols:**  
Rejoice, instiller of true **piety!**  
Rejoice, for through your discourse men are brought to regeneration by water and the **Spirit:**  
Rejoice, for through you the faithful partake of the banquet of **immortality!**  
Rejoice, husbandman who tended well the vineyard of your **Master**  
Rejoice, you whose blood, shed for your Lord, was for the faithful like wine to **gladden** their hearts!  
Rejoice, O **Andrew**, first-called **apostle** of Christ!

#### **Kondak 4**

**PRIEST:** The power of God overshadowed you, O first-called apostle, that you might proclaim the power and glory of the Son of God and make steadfast those whom you called to believe in the Holy Trinity. Wherefore, on the verdant meadow of the faith of Christ do you ever pasture us who worship the one God in three Hypostases, that, ever sanctified by the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may cry aloud unto Him: Alleluia!

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

#### **Ikos 4**

**PRIEST:** Having brought your brother, Simon Peter, to Christ, O first called, with him you went forth to your apostolic ministry, first to Antioch and Sinope; and there having vanquished legions of demons, you freed your companion, the Apostle Matthias, from the bonds of

prison, and with him baptized his fellow prisoners. And following the preeminent Peter to the lands of the West you gave him a fraternal kiss, but yourself labored well in the East. Wherefore, we children of the Eastern Church bless you, saying:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, O power of God Who drives away legions of demons and breaks the bonds of **prison**;

Rejoice, receptacle of apostolic grace which miraculously frees us from the **bonds** of hell!

Rejoice, you who with your divinely wise brother divided the East and West by lot for the preaching of the **Word** of God;

Rejoice, you who by the power of your wonders denounced the impiety of the Jews in **Sinope**!

Rejoice, you who were beaten there by the godless for the **sake** of Christ;

Rejoice, for healing of your wounds was given to you by the Lord Himself, Who **appeared** to you!

Rejoice, for by the power given you by God you heal all manner of bodily **infirmities**;

Rejoice, for by the grace instilled in you, you dispel from us all **despondency**!

Rejoice, O **Andrew**, first-called **apostle** of Christ!

### **Kondak 5**

**PRIEST:** Having twice returned to the Holy City, that there you might celebrate the day of Pentecost with the apostles, twice you did so with the apostles, and twice you departed again from holy Sion to preach Christ to the whole World, first with John, who had leaned his head upon the breast of the Lord, and afterwards with Simon of Cana, and

with Matthias, who was named an apostle by lot; and you went about



all the parts of Asia and Pontus, teaching all with the word of salvation, that they might chant unto God: Alleluia!

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **Ikos 5**

**PRIEST:** Having spread your nets from the Sea of Galilee to the Black Sea, and having taught the Faith all around the seacoast with your proclamation, you proceeded to the land of Scythia, O first-called one, planting the Cross of Christ everywhere as a token of our salvation. Wherefore, we also, though the last of peoples, heeding your proclamation and commemorating your struggles, cry out to you:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, you that in Nicæa subdued wicked brigands and slay a most evil **dragon**;  
Rejoice, you who planted the cross of Christ in the midst of that city, as a forerunner of the God-bearing fathers twice assembled there!  
Rejoice, for through you the light of Christ shone forth in Asia and **Pontus**;  
Rejoice, for your apostolic staff opened the foothills of the Caucasus to the **light** of Christ!  
Rejoice, for thereby was the darkness of Cimmeria **enlightened**;  
Rejoice, for with streams of living water has the whole world been **watered**!  
Rejoice, for the breath of the all-holy Spirit blew forth from your **apostolic** mouth;  
Rejoice, for thereby were multitudes drawn to the **Christian** Faith!  
Rejoice, O **Andrew**, first-called **apostle** of Christ!

### **Kondak 6**

**PRIEST:** The tribes of men ignorant of the true God, who were caught

in the storm of the passions and buffeted, as it were, by waters of the ocean, you guided to the calm harbor of Christ, O apostle, and their hearts, tempest-tossed like a leaking vessel, you moored fast to the Orthodox Faith. Wherefore, as children of the Orthodox Faith, with thankful heart and grateful mouths we cry out to God: Alleluia!

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **Ikos 6**

**PRIEST:** On the Mount of Olives with the other disciples, O Andrew, you once asked your Master: "Tell us, what shall be the sign of Your coming?" And on the hills of Kiev, as an instrument of the grace of the Holy Spirit you foretold the future glory of that place. And, having been granted the mercies foretold us, we cry out to you with compunction:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, for from Mount Sion you brought the law of the **Gospel** to us;

Rejoice, for, as an apostle of God, you hastened to us on the waters of the **Voristhena!**

Rejoice, for you bestowed upon that river the grace of the Jordan for our **baptism;**

Rejoice, you who set the cross of our salvation upon the hills of **Kiev!**

Rejoice, for you foretold an abundant outpouring of the grace of **God** through it;

Rejoice, for you prophesied that a great city and many churches would one day **stand** in that place!

Rejoice, for the mercy of God has descended upon the site of your **prophecy;**

Rejoice, for He lets fall His loving-kindness upon the city **you** foretold!

Rejoice, O **Andrew**, first-called **apostle** of Christ!

### **Kondak 7**

**PRIEST:** Today, in fulfillment of the word of your prophecy, a most glorious temple has been erected on the place where, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, you foresaw that which was not as though it already existed. And round about it a great city with golden-domed churches bears witness to the truth of your words; and, as from a heavenly throne, you have beforehand proclaimed peace for it. Wherefore, beholding the fulfillment of your divinely inspired words, we cry out with a loud voice unto God: Alleluia!

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **Ikos 7**

**PRIEST:** The holy Olga, having received the light of divine knowledge from the radiant splendor of the first-called apostle, shone forth upon the Russian land as the day-star of our salvation, leading after herself like a radiant beacon her grandson Vladimir, the enlightener of all the northern lands. Wherefore, lifting our eyes unto you, O divinely wise Andrew, as to the chief herald of our salvation, we offer to you these praises:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, for you gave the knowledge of divine light unto Olga, the day-star of our salvation;

Rejoice, for the kingdom of Christ was opened by her **piety!**

Rejoice, for with your blessing a most glorious beacon has shone forth from that day-star **upon** us;

Rejoice, for in accordance with your apostolic prophecy a prince, the equal of the apostles, **appeared** to us!

Rejoice, for through you the earthly kingdom of the holy Vladimir has

a share in that of **heaven**;

Rejoice, for the rivers of Kiev, the Dnieper and the Pochaina, became  
for us a font of **salvation**!

Rejoice, for the gloom of idolatry has been driven from us by your  
**instruction**;

Rejoice, for the assaults of the demonic hordes are repelled by your  
**authority**!

Rejoice, O **Andrew**, first-called **apostle** of Christ!

### **Kondak 8**

**PRIEST:** The pastors and flock of the most glorious city of Kiev and  
of the land of Russia proclaim the memory of your acts, O divinely  
wise Apostle Andrew; and the saints of God, who rest incorrupt with  
Anthony and Theodosius within the Caves, declare your glory  
unceasingly to all ages and generations, as though alive; for the cross  
planted by you in that place has grown to be a tree of right goodly  
shade wherein we have picked the fruits of piety and sanctity. And as  
spiritual sparrows of your celestial garden, we are taught by you to  
chant unto God: Alleluia!

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### **Ikos 8**

**PRIEST:** Not to Russia alone were you the proclaimer of salvation, O  
first-called apostle of Christ, but gathering all the Slavic lands, like a  
hen gathers her chicks beneath her wings, you lead them to Christ; for,  
discerning the darkness of the northern lands from Cherson, by your  
preaching many years before you prepared the most wise teachers Cyril  
and Methodius, that the people of those parts might be taught the Word  
of God. And we, as with the mouths of these Our enlighteners, cry  
aloud unto you:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, you who blessed the Slavic **tribes** of old;  
Rejoice, you who rendered their learned discourse wise with the **Word** of God!  
Rejoice, for they have become noetic children of the Church of Christ, obedient to the **Word** of God;  
Rejoice, for in Cherson where you preached, the holy Cyril discovered the first Russian letters and **took** them up!  
Rejoice, for thereby you proclaimed unto them Christ, the Wisdom of God, the Alpha and Omega, the **Beginning** and the End;  
Rejoice, for those teachers translated all the divinely inspired Scriptures Into the Slavonic **tongue** for us!  
Rejoice, for in the sacred writings and the divine Mysteries we have found salvation through you;  
Rejoice, for by your instruction was the foundation of our conversion **well** laid!  
Rejoice, O **Andrew**, first-called **apostle** of Christ!

### **Kondak 9**

**PRIEST:** Undaunted by the Scythians of the wilderness, you extended your apostolic journeys into the depths of the northern lands, O first-called one, from whence you traveled to Old Rome, which was then the capital of the pagan world. But departing from there because of its myriad idols, and proceeding to the beautiful shore of the Bosphorus, in the city of Byzantium, which was to become the New Rome and Mother of Christians, you establish there your apostolic see, that thereby all the East and the North might be illumined with the light of the Faith, and that the faithful children of the Church of Christ might cry out to God in oneness of mind: Alleluia!

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## **Ikos 9**

**PRIEST:** Mother Sion, says the man in the Psalms, for man was spiritually born therein; and Kiev became for us a new Sion, for therein the light and grace of God was made manifest unto all the children of Russia through the see which you established in Byzantium, O first-called apostle. Wherefore, illumined with never-waning light, we cry out to you in thanksgiving:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, you who descended Mount Sion and has illumined many-hilled Kiev with **heavenly** light;  
Rejoice, you who by your blessing sent down upon it an abundance of **spiritual** fruit!  
Rejoice, for in the midst of the world you established your **apostolic** see;  
Rejoice, for under its protection, in New Rome, you gathered all the nations you **enlightened**!  
Rejoice, for thereby is Orthodoxy confirmed **within** their hearts;  
Rejoice, for by the East is the darkness of the West **driven** back!  
Rejoice, you who protects the faithful from all **heresies**;  
Rejoice, you who heal divisions among **believers**!  
Rejoice, O **Andrew**, first-called **apostle** of Christ!

## **Kondak 10**

**PRIEST:** When the time of your departure arrived, O blessed Andrew, you went to the ancient Patras of Achaia, that you might there be put to death; for you fought the good fight, you finished your course, preaching Christ crucified unto all: unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness, but unto us who are called and saved - Christ, the Power and Wisdom of God, whereby we have been taught to chant unto God: Alleluia!

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### **Ikos 10**

**PRIEST:** Having everywhere healed the sick, raised the dead and expelled demons by the name of the Lord Jesus, you also confirmed your immortal preaching with miracles in Patras, O apostle of Christ, and converted Anthypatus Lesbius to the knowledge of the Truth when, stricken with the plague because of his obstinacy, he was raised from his bed of sickness by you. And, seeing the power of God in you, all the people destroyed their idols. Wherefore, the Lord appeared to you as He once had to Paul in Corinth, and commanded you to take up your cross, thereby foretelling your suffering for His sake in Patras. Wherefore, marveling at the great grace within you, we reverently cry out:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, great power of **almighty** God;  
Rejoice, precious treasury of **wonders**!  
Rejoice, enlightenment and adornment of ancient **Patras**;  
Rejoice, you who transformed the unbelief of Anthypatus **into** faith!  
Rejoice, for there the Lord appeared to you again, calling you to the  
**struggle** of the cross!;  
Rejoice, for a crown of righteousness was **prepared** for you!  
Rejoice, for as your name denotes courage, so was your spirit  
undaunted by **tortures**;  
Rejoice, for the thought of the torments which awaited you did not  
shake thy **firm** resolve!  
Rejoice, O **Andrew**, first-called **apostle** of Christ!

### **Kondak 11**

**PRIEST:** The Emperor Nero who, as Herod once had, raised a persecution against all the faithful, beheaded Paul in Rome, and

crucified Peter upon a cross; and the hand of that tyrant reached you also, in Patras, when in the place of the meek Lesbius he appointed as proconsul the cruel Aegeates, who, neither able to endure the baptism of his brother, nor appeased by the healing of his wife, cast you into prison and condemned you to the cross, as the preeminent Peter had been. And while a prisoner in a dark dungeon, you, as in a splendid temple, consecrated Stratocles, the brother of Anthypatus, as bishop of Patras, chanting unto God with all the faithful in the midst of the prison: Alleluia!

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### **Ikos 11**

**PRIEST:** Looking on as they raised up at the place of execution the cross upon which you were to be crucified, O apostle, you were not afraid to bear witness, even unto death, to Christ Who loved you and was beloved of you; and, stretching forth your hands toward this emblem of our salvation, you cried out with compunction:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, O most precious Cross, before which  
I stand in gladness, knowing you to **be** my hope;  
Rejoice, O life-creating Cross, whose summit has reached to the  
heavens and whose base has broken down the **gates** of hell!  
Rejoice, O right worshipful Cross, which received my Master as the  
sweetest Cluster of grapes which has poured forth salvation upon  
us;  
Rejoice, O blessed Cross, which saved the thief and produced for him  
the fruits of **confession**!  
Rejoice, for you have been the **fullness** of my joy;  
Rejoice, for in the memory of you am I filled with **gladness**!  
Rejoice, for in you do all the martyrs **glory**;



Rejoice, also, O passion-bearer, who sealed your faith in Christ **on** a cross!

Rejoice, O **Andrew**, first-called **apostle** of Christ!

### **Kondak 12**

**PRIEST:** Come, you witnesses of my joy," you cried out to those Who carried out the will of Aegeates, O apostle, "do the will of us both! Crucify me, and offer me up like a lamb in Sacrifice unto the Creator Who fashioned me!" And having spoken these words, you ascended the cross as though it were a lofty throne, and for three days and three nights preached the Word of God from it unto the people who stood round about, that they might not fear death when confessing the Lord Jesus. And when your countenance was filled with a heavenly light, the tormentor was terrified and ordered you taken down from the cross. Yet you, O passion-bearer, did not desire to be parted from the tortures of the cross, crying out unceasingly to God until your repose: Alleluia!

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### **Ikos 12**

**PRIEST:** Glorifying your apostolic struggles, O first-called Andrew, we bless the holy repose wherein you glorified the life-bearing sufferings of the Son of God; and in compunction of heart we cry out to thee thus:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, friend of Christ, who joyously endured the sufferings of the **cross** for Him;

Rejoice, faithful apostle, who from your cross preached words of eternal life to the **people**!

Rejoice, for at the moment when you were taken down from the cross a light covered you, like lightning from **heaven**;

Rejoice, for you promised great grace unto those who in Orthodox manner confess Christ the Son of **God**, Whom you preached!

Rejoice, apostolic foundation of the heavenly Jerusalem;

Rejoice, boast of Bethsaida and adornment of all **Galilee**!

Rejoice, you who shall sit with the apostles on one of twelve thrones, to judge all the tribes of **Israel**!

Rejoice, you who shall present to the merciful Judge all the peoples you have brought to the Faith!

Rejoice, O **Andrew**, first-called **apostle** of Christ!

### **Kondak 13**

**PRIEST:** O Andrew, first-called apostle of Christ, look down upon these the praises of all who honor your holy memory, and as you planted a wooden cross upon the hills of the city of Kiev, do you ever protect us with its saving sign, that, preserved by the Cross of our Lord, God and Savior, we may attain full stature in Christ and may be granted, with you and all the saints, to chant for endless ages unto God our Savior with a sound of rejoicing: Alleluia! **(3X)**

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*(This Kondak is repeated 3 times, followed by Ikos 1 and Kondak 1)*

### **Ikos 1**

**PRIEST:** An angelic herald of Christ, the Lamb Who takes away the sins of the world, were you, O apostle Andrew, and you abide with Him forever in Heaven. Wherefore, look upon the hymns offered to you here, and in that you are rich in the grace of God, grant us goodly discourse, that we may cry out to You:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, morning star which has shone forth

upon us from the city of Bethsaida;  
Rejoice, brother of the preeminent Peter and equal to him in **honor!**  
Rejoice, disciple of the great Forerunner of Christ;  
Rejoice, you who, first among the apostles, were called to the apostolic  
ministry by the **Lord** Himself  
Rejoice, for you cried out to the others with joy: Come, we have found  
the longed-for **Messiah:**  
Rejoice, for you lead us **also** to Him!  
Rejoice, you who zealously spread the glad tidings of Christ among the  
**nations;**  
Rejoice, you who willingly gave yourself over to torments and  
crucifixion **for** His sake!  
Rejoice, O **Andrew**, first-called **apostle** of Christ!

### **Kondak 1**

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Standing in spirit upon the **summit** of the hill  
/ whereon his right hand **raised** up a cross, / with hymns let us praise  
the most glorious **Andrew**, / the first-called **apostle** of Christ, / the  
preacher of the holy **Gospel**, / the divinely inspired enlightener of the  
**Russian** land; / and to him, as the first of the **followers** of the Church,  
/ the first of all to follow **after** Christ, / let us **cry** out / in **compunction:**  
// Rejoice, O **Andrew**, first-called **apostle** of Christ!

**PRIEST:** Again and again on bended knees let us pray to the Holy  
Apostle Andrew.

**CHOIR/FAITHFUL:** Holy Apostle **Andrew**, pray to **God** for us.

**Prayer to the Holy Apostle Andrew, the First Called**

**PRIEST:** O first-called apostle of Jesus Christ our God and Savior, eminent founder of the Church, all-praised Andrew! We glorify and magnify your apostolic labors, with great gladness we remember your blessed visitation of the Russian land, we venerate the honorable sufferings you endured for Christ, we kiss your sacred relics, we cherish your holy memory, and we believe that, as the Lord lives, so your soul lives also, and you abide with Him forever in heaven, where you also love us with the love wherewith you loved us when, through the Holy Spirit, you foresaw our conversion to Christ; and not only do you love, but you also entreat God in our behalf, beholding all our needs in His light. Thus we believe, and thus also do we confess this our faith, O holy Andrew; and believing, we ask and beg our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, that by the prayers which you ever receive and send up, He may grant us all that is necessary for the salvation of us sinners; that as you left your nets at the sound of the Lord's voice and followed after Him without hesitation, so each of us may seek not his own, but that which is for the edification of his neighbor, and may be mindful of his own heavenly calling. And having you as our intercessor and advocate, we trust that your prayers may accomplish much before our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to Whom is due all glory, honor and worship, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, unto the ages of ages.

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Amen.

### **Litany**

**PRIEST:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

**CHOIR/FAITHFUL:** Lord have mercy (3)

**PRIEST:** Again we pray for His Beatitude, Metropolitan \_\_\_\_\_, His (Grace/Eminence), (Arch) Bishop \_\_\_\_\_, for priests, deacons, and all other clergy; and for all our brethren in Christ.

**CHOIR/FAITHFUL:** Lord have mercy (3)

**PRIEST:** Again we pray for the president of our country , for all civil authorities and for our armed forces everywhere.

**CHOIR/FAITHFUL:** Lord have mercy (3)

**PRIEST:** Again we pray for mercy, life peace, health, salvation and visitation for the servants of God and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

**CHOIR/FAITHFUL:** Lord have mercy (3)

**PRIEST:** Furthermore, we pray for the people here present, awaiting from Thee great and bountiful mercies for all the brethren and for all Christians.

**CHOIR/FAITHFUL:** Lord have mercy (3)

**PRIEST:** For Thou art a merciful God, and loves mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**CHOIR/FAITHFUL:** Amen.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom! Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

**CHOIR/FAITHFUL:** More honorable than the Cherubim and more

glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim! Without defilement you gave birth to God the Word; true Theotokos we magnify you.

**PRIEST:** Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee !

**CHOIR/FAITHFUL:** Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy (3).

Father bless.

**PRIEST:** [pronounces the dismissal and faithful venerate the Cross]

***Holy Apostle Andrew, the First Called  
Pray to God for us!***