

## What do we know about St. Andrew?

St. Andrew was called to be with Jesus before any other apostle. Because he followed Jesus before St. Peter and the others, he is called the Protoklete or "First Called" apostle. Hence he is known as St. Andrew the First Called (John 1:40).

The Russians consider St. Andrew their first saint, i.e. their patron saint, and their protomartyr. Why is this? Because according to Holy Tradition St. Andrew ministered in Kiev.

The ecumenical patriarch traces his episcopal lineage back to St. Andrew.

Did you also know that St. Andrew has his own flag.

Scotland looks upon St. Andrew as being their patron saint and flies his flag.

St. Andrew was firstly a disciple of St. John the Baptist (John 1:35).

St. Peter was St. Andrew's brother.

St. Andrew was a fisherman like his brother.

St. Andrew is the patron saint of fisherman and singers.

St. Andrew was martyred in Patras where he hung for two days.

St. Andrew was crucified on a cross form known as "crux decussata," which is an X-shaped cross or a "saltire." Today this is commonly referred to as "St. Andrew's Cross." It is believed Andrew requested to be crucified this way, because he deemed himself "unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus."

St. Andrew's relics were returned to Constantinople in September, 1964, after being looted by the crusaders

It is interesting that Andrew's name is of Greek origin, not Aramaic. Pope Benedict XVI commented:

*The first striking characteristic of Andrew is his name: It is not Hebrew, as might have been expected, but Greek, indicative of a certain cultural openness in his family that cannot be ignored. We are in Galilee, where the Greek language and culture are quite present* [General Audience, June 14, 2006].

Andrew in Greek means "manly".

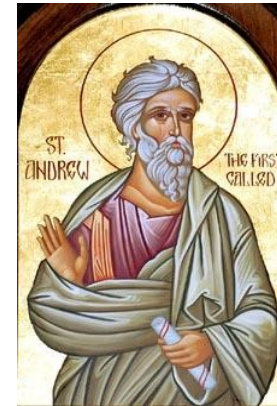
St. Andrew's feast day is 30 November.

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### December 3, 2017

26th Sunday after Pentecost  
Prophet Zephaniah - Tone 11

### Times of Services

Dec	02	Sat	No Vespers
	03	Sun	10:00 Divine Liturgy
	10	Sun	10:00 Divine Liturgy
	17	Sun	10:00 Divine Liturgy
Dec	24	Sun	Christmas Eve
		10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
		5:30 PM	<b>Compline &amp; Matins for the Nativity of Christ</b>
	25	Mon	<b>The Nativity of Christ (Christmas)</b>
		10:00 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>
	30	Sun	10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

## From the Pastor

As a priest of more than twenty one years of service to the church I have learned that there is no good time for a priest to schedule surgery. So you will not be surprised that when the surgeon talked to me of surgery I said to him that *"I have to be on deck for Christmas!"* His reply was simple, *"You will be on deck for Christmas if we do the surgery on 16NOV17!"*



And there you have the date and timing of my surgery! And I have no regrets! Then throw into the mix that they build us OZY tough! But that said, there is still that little boy in us that hates being stuck by a needle or a pin and have an aversion to pain. So we, naturally, seek the course of least resistance!

The end result was that I had discs fused and held in place by 4 screws and 2 rods together with 2 bone grafts one courtesy of me and the other from a generous donor via the bone bank. And that is an awesome feeling to know that an unknown person gave some of their self to contribute to my health and well being. It is humbling that someone thought before their death to help a person in need after their end!

The pain has long gone! I will be wearing a back brace for weeks to come and I can't pick up or carry any thing over 10 lbs (4.5 kg) and then in six weeks that will be upgraded to fifteen (15) lbs. (6.8 kg). I find all of that a total bore but what can I do about it—just comply!

They are the details but on a more personal note I wish to thank the parish and all who make up this parish for their unswerving support to me, sending me cards, calling, bringing me food and ferrying me to and from the hospital and or to the surgeons. And yes; that fruit basket which last less than 24 hrs before being juiced and consumed.

The reason that I had this surgery is because I could no longer take the pain. The question was to continue with the pain and continue with the spinal injections that help some but I was not apart of that "some" or have the surgery. Continuing to suffer would have eventually compromised my general health. So reluctantly I bit the bullet and prayed that all would go well and I would not be crippled by it.

That said I want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for all of the support that the parish gave me. I am unworthy and I am most appreciative.

*May the Lord bless you and keep you.*

*May the Lord let His face shine on you and be gracious to you.*

*May the Lord uncover His face to you and bring you peace. (Numb 6:23—26)*

Sincerely,

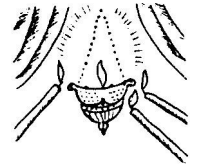
Very Rev. Archpriest (Andrew) Keith W. Lowe, M.Div.,  
Locum

## Cookie & Pierogie Sale December 15

### Festal Candles

December (Gold [Christmas])

In memory of George Milich given by Bill Milich



### Web Site

Web-sites are very much like sky scrapers, they both take a while to build. In a recent development parishioners were asked to register to gain more buttons on the site. To that end the metrical records for 1910 are now available for viewing.

### Future Events/Meetings

Dec 7 Thu 06:30 Parish Council meeting

The breakfast will be held between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Dec 13, 14 & 15 Wed, Thu.. & Fri 08:30 Pierogi Making Party

15 Fri Cookie Sale