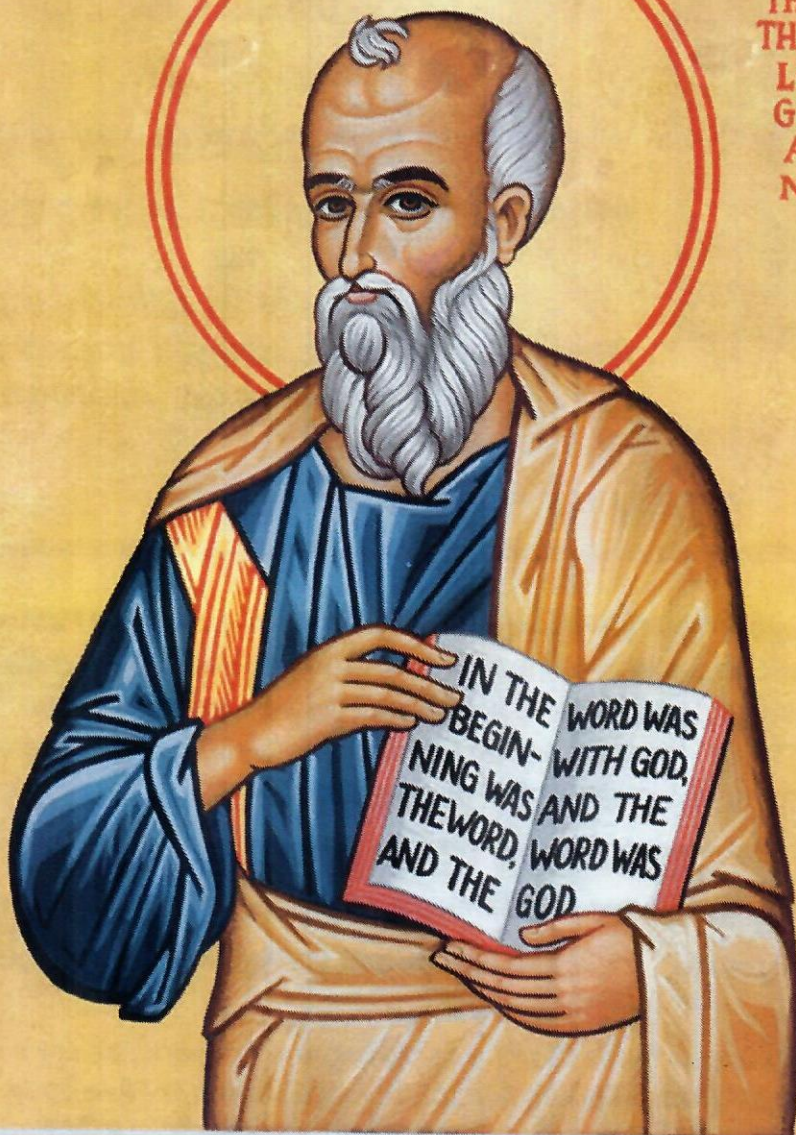


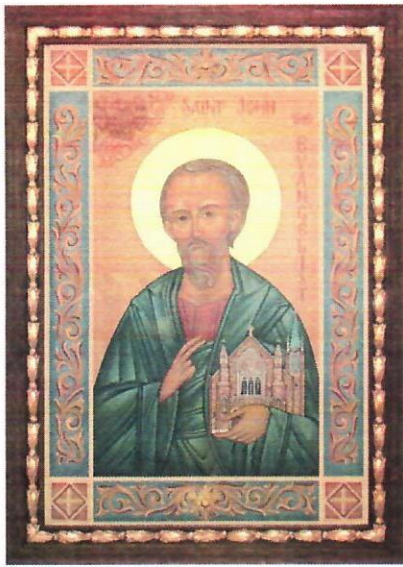
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REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23)
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .***

We take this opportunity to welcome those guests worshipping with us.

***Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer,
please contact Fr. Seraphim***

The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshipping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread.

DIVINE LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

TONE 8 / EOTHINON 3

THE HOLY APOSTLE ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED

Frumentios, archbishop and enlightener of Ethiopia;

Alexander, bishop of Methymna

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE IN TONE FOUR

As the first called of the Apostles, and brother of their leader, O Andrew, entreat the Master of all that peace be granted unto the world and great mercy to our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

O beloved Apostle of Christ God, Come quick and save a people with no recourse. He who let you rest your head on his breast, will not reject your pleas on our behalf. Beseech him then, O wise and holy theologian. Dispel from us the dark and omanous clouds of disbelief. Grant us all of his peace and great mercy.

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

*(**The original melody**)*

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

THE EPISTLE

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

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 (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THE APOSTLE IN TONE EIGHT

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

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THE SYNAXARION

On November 30 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostle Andrew the First-Called.

Verses

Andrew endureth an inverted crucifixion, appearing feet upward in truth and not in shadow.

On the thirtieth Andrew braved a cross head downward.

He was the son of Jonah and brother of Peter, born in Bethsaida and a fisherman by trade. At first he was a disciple of John the Baptist, but when the Forerunner pointed to the Lord Jesus, saying, "Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:36), Andrew left his first teacher and became the first apostle to follow Christ. Then, Andrew brought his brother Peter to the Lord. Following the descent of the Holy Spirit, it fell by lot to Andrew to preach the Gospel in Byzantium and Thrace, then in the lands along the Danube and in Russia around the Black Sea, and finally in Epirus, Greece and the Peloponnesos. In Patras, he performed many miracles in the name of Christ, and won many over to the Lord. Among the new faithful were the brother and wife of the Proconsul Aegeates. Angered at this, Aegeates subjected Andrew to torture and then crucified him. Then the apostle prayed to God and an extraordinary light encompassed him, which lasted for half an hour. When it disappeared, the apostle gave up his holy soul to God in 62.

On this day, we also commemorate Frumentios, archbishop and enlightener of Ethiopia; and Alexander, bishop of Methymna.

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ON THIS DAY

**CONGRATULATIONS TO Esteven & Pephile
on the Baptism & Chrismation of their
daughter KYRIEL**

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER SERVICES

NOV. 29TH SATURDAY — NO GREAT VESPERS

NOV. 30TH SUNDAY — MATINS 8:50AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM
BAPTISM & CHRISMATION FOR KYRIEL DEJESUS AT 9:30AM

**DEC. 3RD WEDNESDAY — SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed
by Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM**

DEC. 6TH SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS AT 5PM
AT 3PM BAPTISM FOR JONATHAN KOCHER

DEC. 7TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

**DEC. 10TH WEDNESDAY—SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed
by Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM.**

DEC. 13TH SATURDAY—GREAT VESPERS 5PM

DEC. 14TH SUNDAY— SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS
MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

**DEC. 17TH WEDNESDAY — SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed
By Light meal amd Study Session 7-8 PM**

DEC. 20TH SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS 5PM

DEC. 21ST SUNDAY — SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY
MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10 AM

DEC. 24TH WEDNESDAY — EVE OF NATIVITY OF CHRIST
ROYAL HOURS and TYPIKA@ 9AM
MATINS @ 6PM
DIVINE LITURGY @ 7PM

FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW IN HALL
ALL ARE INVITED

PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin, Perry Sassic & family, Roddy, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Cindi, Harriet, Joann, Cindy, Ray, Marlene, Julianna, Elias, Margaret, Carrie, Lori, Oliver, Pauline, Despina, Julius, Jonathan, Kristen, Luca, Sam, Michael, Esteven, Pephile, Kyriel, Holden, and Kayla.

And our new catechumen Jonathan K.

**FOR THOU ARE THE RESSURECTION, THE LIFE, AND THE REPOSE
OF THY SERVANTS WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP ESPECIALLY:**

Prayers are offered in memory of

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) Baptism and Chrismation for Kyriel Dejesus will begin at 9:30 AM today, November 30th to be included in the Divine Liturgy service that follows.

2) Baptism for Jonathan Kocher will be held on Saturday, December 6th at 3 PM. All are welcome to attend.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“When Bondage to sin has died, it must be replaced with something else. For those who are baptized, the replacement is Christ’s resurrected life. “We shall also live with Him” means both a righteous life on earth after baptism and eternal life in the Kingdom to come.”

(Orthodox Study Bible note o Romans 6:8)

INSPIRED BY THE WORD OF GOD

The highlight of the first part of every Divine Liturgy (the teaching portion), comes with the chanting of Sacred Scripture. Two lessons are provided: the first is the EPISTLE, consisting of a portion of the Acts of the Apostles or of the Letters of St. Paul; the second a portion of one of the 4 GOSPELS (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John). These lessons are from the WORD OF GOD, the inspired Scriptures, the Holy Bible. Thus they form the main source of Christian teaching and truth, the light which dispels the darkness of ignorance and unbelief. No wonder we are called upon to "be attentive" at this portion of the divine service.

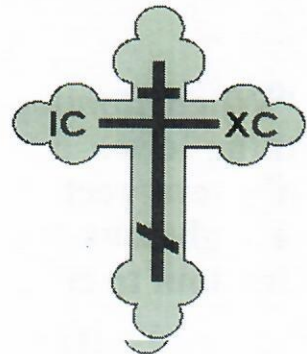
The chanting is usually done by a lector, reader, cantor or server. Of course, the Gospel lesson is chanted by the Priest standing at the "ambo" before the icon screen, while the faithful stand in attention.

We should take a moment to acknowledge the time and commitment our young servers contribute to the Church. Some parishes call them "altar boys" who faithfully minister to the Priest, Sunday upon Sunday, assisting in the Sanctuary. Theirs is a holy and worthwhile task, one to be undertaken in all seriousness. It is not unusual to find vocations in the Priesthood and other positions in the Church, fostered among these servers. Those who serve today are following the long tradition in the Christian community, and they deserve our respect and support. Please commend them for their work in your Congregation.

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