28th Sunday after Pentecost
Commemoration of the Holy and All-Praised Apostle Andrew, the First-Called

VESPERS: Tone 3

P. Regular Beginning
C. Lord I have cried... (Tone 3)

1. The **po**wer of death has been des**troy**ed by Thy Cross/ and the **wiles** of the devil have been set to naught, O Christ our **Saviour**,/ **while** mankind, **saved** by faith,// offers Thee hymns of praise for**e**ver.

2. The **whole** inhabited earth has been enlightened by Thy Resur**rec**tion, O Lord,/ **and** the paradise of old has been re**o**pened;/ **while** it ex**tols** Thee,// all creation offers Thee hymns of praise for**e**ver.

3. I **glo**rify the might of the **Fa**ther/ **and** of the Son and the power of the Holy **Spi**rit;/ **and** I praise the dominion of the undivided, uncreated **God**head//--the consubstantial Trinity that reigns unto the **a**ges of ages.

4. We **wor**ship Thy precious **Cross**, O Christ,/ and **praise** and glorify Thy Resur**rec**tion:// For by Thy wounds have we **all** been healed.

Stichera for the Holy Apostle Andrew (Tone 4)

5/6. **When** the hypostatic Effulgence of the Father's **glo**ry appeared,/ fashioned by the light of the Fore**run**ner,/ **wish**ing, in His lovingkindness, to save the **hum**an race,/ then wast thou the first to have recourse unto Him, O **glo**rious one,/ being enlightened in mind by the most perfect ray of His di**vin**ity,/ thenceforth becoming the preacher and apostle of **Christ** our God.// Him do thou beseech, that He save and en**ligh**ten our souls.

7/8. **When** the all-holy Word became incarnate, **grant**ing us life,/ heralded by the voice of the Fore**run**ner,/ an**noun**cing the glad tidings of salvation unto **them** on earth,/ then didst thou dedicate thyself to Him as first fruits, as the best of **of**ferings,/ and didst proclaim Him as our God to thy **kin**sman.// Him do thou beseech, that He save and en**ligh**ten our souls.

9/10 **Hav**ing been the disciple of him that sprang forth from a barren **wo**man,/ the teacher of piety and chastity, who showed the way to **pu**rity,/ when the **Off**spring of the Virgin **shone** forth,/ then wast thou a most fervent lover of virtue, O blessed **An**drew,/ and, making ascent with**in** thy heart,/ thou wast caught up from glory to the ineffable glory of **Christ** our God.// Him do thou beseech, that He save and en**ligh**ten our souls.

Glory... (Tone 6)

Leaving behind the netting of fish, O a**pos**tle,/ thou dost trap men with the rod of thy **preach**ing,/ lowering the lure of piety as a hook and drawing forth all the nations from the depths of falsehood, O apostle **An**drew,/ who art the blood relation of the pre-**em**inent one./ O clarion-voiced herald of

the **whole** world,/ fail not in thy prayers in be**half** of us //that with love and faith praise thine honored **me**mory.

Both now & ever... Dogmatikon (Tone 3)

How can we refrain from wonder, O all-hallowed **Vir**gin,/ at thy **bear**ing God and **man** in One?/ For **thou**, without blemish and who hast never **known** a man,/ hast brought **forth** without father a **Son** in the flesh,/ be**got**ten of the Father without mother before all **a**ges,/ Who suffered no **change**, confusion nor di**vis**ion,/ but kept in **full** what is proper to each **na**ture;/ our **La**dy, thou Virgin and **Mo**ther,/ en**treat** Him to **save** the souls// of those who in the true faith confess thee to be the Theo**to**kos.

P. Wisdom. Aright!
C. O Joyful Light...
P. Prokimenon. The Lord is King...
P. Wisdom!

R. The reading is from the first Epistle of Peter (1:1-2:6)

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. And if ye call on the Father, Who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the

precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by Him do believe in God, that raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded.

R. The reading is from the first Epistle of Peter (2:21-3:9)

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth: Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously: Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

R. The reading is from the first Epistle of Peter (4:1-11)

Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the

flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revelings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: Who shall give account to Him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. For, for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

P. Augmented Litany
R. Vouchsafe...
P. Litany of Fervent Supplication

APOSTICHA: (Tone 3)

1. **Thou** hast darkened the sun by Thy **Pas**sion, O Christ;/ **by** Thy Resurrection hast Thou given **all** things light.// Accept our evening hymn, O Thou Who **lov**est mankind.

   V. The Lord is King,/ and hath put on glorious ap**par**el.

2. **Thy** life-giving Resur**rec**tion, O Lord,/ has brought **light** to all the in**hab**ited earth/ and **called** up Thy creation that lay in cor**rup**tion,/ so that **we**, released from the curse of Adam, **cry** aloud:// Glory unto Thee, O Al**migh**ty Lord.

   V. He hath made the world so sure/ that it can**not** be moved.

3. **Suf**fering in the fl-esh, **Thou**, O God/ Who by **na**ture cannot be changed, hast **chang**ed Thyself,/ and the cre**a**tion unable to bear the sight of Thee hanging was bowed **down** by fear/ and it **groaned** as it sang the praises of Thy long-**suf**fering./ And **Thou**, descending into hell, hast risen on the **third** day,// giving the world life and great **mer**cy.

   V. Holiness becometh Thine house/ O Lord, for**e**ver.

4. **Thou** hast suffered **death**, O Christ,/ **to** deliver our **kind** from death:/ **And**, risen the third day **from** the dead,/ **Thou** hast raised up with Thyself those who ac**know**ledge Thee to be God/ and **Thou** hast en**light**ened the world.// O Lord, **glo**ry to Thee.

   Glory... (Tone 2)

In hymns let us honor the apostle **An**drew,/ the kinsman of Peter and dis**ci**ple of Christ,/ the **fish**erman and **fis**her of men;/ for, having learned all the dogmas from the teaching of **Je**sus,/ he presented them as a lure to the iniquitous fish of the flesh, and en**snared** them.// By his supplications, O Christ, grant Thou Thy people peace and great **mer**cy.

Both... for the Forefeast (Tone 2)

Tell us, O **Jo**seph,/ how is it that thou leadest to Bethlehem the Virgin, **great** with child,/ whom **thou** didst receive from the Holy of **Ho**lies?/ Having searched the prophets and received reply of an **an**gel,/ I am persuaded that Mary doth ineffably **bear** God,/ and magi shall come from the East to **wor**ship Him,/ ministering unto Him with **pre**cious gifts.// O Lord, Who wast incarnate for our sake, glory **be** to Thee!

C. St. Symeon's Prayer
R. Trisagion
C. Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos x3

Blessed be the Name of the Lord... x3
Psalm 33:1-10

MATINS: Tone 3

P. Regular Beginning
P. Great Ectenia
C. God is the Lord... (Tone 3)

C. Sunday Troparia (Tone 3) x2

Let the heavens rejoice!/ Let the earth be glad!/ For the Lord has shown strength with His arm!/ He has trampled down death by death!/ He has become the firstborn of the dead!/ He has delivered us from the depths of hell,// and has granted to the world great mercy.

Glory... Troparion for the Holy Apostle Andrew (Tone 4)

As thou art the first-called of the apostles/ and the brother of the pre-eminent one,/ entreat thou the Master of all, O Andrew,/ that He grant peace to the world// and great mercy to our souls.

Both... Theotokion (Tone 4)

The mystery hidden from all **a**ges/ and unknown to the **an**gels/ was made manifest to those on earth through Thee, O Theo**to**kos:/ God took flesh in a union without con**fus**ion/ and for our sakes willingly ac**cep**ted the Cross;/ and thereby He raised the **first** formed man// and saved our **souls** from death.

Lord Have Mercy 3x
Glory...

R. Now...
R. Kathisma II
P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns:

Christ hath arisen from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep, the firstborn of creation, the Creator of all that existeth; and in Himself He hath restored the nature of our race which had become corrupt. No longer dost thou have dominion, O death, for the Master of all hath destroyed thy realm!

V. Arise, O Lord my God, let Thy hand be lifted high; forget not Thy paupers to the end.

Having tasted the fruit of death, O Lord, Thou didst cut off the bitterness of death by Thine arising, and hast strengthened man against it, revoking the defeat of the primal curse. O Lord, Defender of our life, glory be to Thee!

G/B... We sing thy praises, O Virgin Theotokos, who dost intercede for the salvation of our kind; for thy Son and our God by taking flesh of thee and accepting to suffer through the Cross has delivered us from corruption because He lovest mankind.

R. Kathisma III
P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns:

Terrified of Thine immutable divinity and voluntary suffering, O Lord, hell lamented to itself, saying: "I tremble before a Being of incorrupt flesh; I behold One invisible, Who mystically contendeth against me. Wherefore, I hold fast to those who cry: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ!"

V. I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, I will tell of all Thy wonders.

O ye faithful, let us theologize concerning the incomprehensibility of the crucifixion, the ineffability of the resurrection, the unspeakable mystery; for today death and hell have been made captive, and the human race hath been clothed in incorruption. Wherefore, giving thanks, we cry unto Thee: Glory to Thine arising, O Christ!

G/B... O Theotokos, thou didst mystically contain in thy womb the Unapproachable and Uncircumscribable One, Who is consubstantial with the Father and the Spirit, and through thy birthgiving we have learned to glorify in the world the one and unconfused power of the Trinity. Wherefore, with thanksgiving we cry out to thee: Rejoice, O thou who art full of grace!

C. Polyeleos
P. Magnification (once only by clergy)

We magnify thee,/ O Andrew, first-called apostle of Christ,/ and we honor the pangs and labors/ wherewith thou didst struggle// in the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ.

C. Evlogitaria (Blessed art Thou, O Lord...)
P. Small Ectenia

R. Ypakoe:
Amazing the myrrh-bearing women by the sight of Him, and refreshing them by his words, the radiant angel said to them: "Why seek ye the Living in the tomb? He Who hath emptied the graves hath arisen! Understand the Changer of corruption to be immutable! Say ye unto God: How awesome are Thy works, for Thou hast saved the human race!"

Sessional Hymns for the Holy Apostle Andrew
With love do we praise thee, O apostle Andrew, as a divine disciple and first-called of all the disciples of Christ, and we cry out to thee with faith: Deliver thy flock, to which thou hast been assigned by God, from every sorrow and need, from temptations and every affliction.

Christ found thee to be his first-called disciple, the particular initiate of His mysteries, O blessed Andrew, who diligently exalted His precepts for the whole world. And, as though furnished with wings, thou didst enlighten the states of the gentiles. Him do thou entreat as God, that He grant us great mercy.

Glory... Let us all praise the apostle as one who himself beheld the Word, a divine preacher and a truly spiritual fisher of nations, for we have been brought to knowledge of Christ by the divinely eloquent Andrew, our truly great intercessor, and he now prayeth unceasingly that our souls be saved.

Both... O all-pure Virgin, praying to thy Son with His apostles, free us who unwaveringly place our trust in thee, who art our protection, from diverse temptations and evil circumstances, and from cruel misfortune; and save all who hymn thee.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon One)
Thou didst move the captivity of Sion away from Babylon, O Word. Draw me also forth from the passions unto life.
They who sow in the south with tears divine shall joyfully reap the grain of life everlasting.
G/B... Unto the Holy Spirit, as to the Father and the Son, shineth all thanksgiving, wherein all things live and move.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Two)
If the Lord buildeth not the house of the virtues, in vain do we labor; and when the Spirit protecteth it, no one will destroy our city.
Through the Spirit are the saints ever adopted by Thee, O Christ, as the fruit of Thee and the Father.
G/B... Through the Holy Spirit are all holiness and wisdom perceived. For He bringeth every created thing into existence. Him do we worship, for He is God, like the Father and the Word.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Three)

Blessed are they who fear the Lord, who walk the path of the commandments; for they shall eat of all the fruits of life.

Be Thou glad, O Chief Shepherd, beholding Thine offspring round about Thy table, bearing the branches of goodly works.

G/B... From the Holy Spirit are all the riches of glory; from Him are grace and life for every creation: for He is hymned with the Father and the Word.

P. Prokimenon: (Tone 3)
Say among the nations that the Lord is king;/ for He hath established the world, which shall not be shaken.
V. O sing unto the Lord a new song.

C. Let every breath praise the Lord.
P. GOSPEL #6

C. Having Beheld the Resurrection of Christ...
R. Psalm 50
C. Glory... Now... Have mercy on me... Jesus having risen...

P. Save, O God, Thy People...
Anointing.

Canticle One

Irmos: He Who of old gathered the waters into one at His divine behest/ and parted the sea for the people of Israel,/ is our God and is most glorious.// To Him let us chant, for He hath been glorified.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Our God is He Who cursed the earth to bring forth as fruit thorns through the sweat of the transgressor, and in the flesh receiveth a crown of thorns from the hands of the transgressors of the law. He hath abolished the curse, in that He hath been glorified.

He of Whom death was afraid hath appeared as the vanquisher and victor over death; for having assumed animate flesh subject to sufferings, and contended against the tyrant, He hath raised all up with Himself. He is our God, for He hath been glorified.

Theotokion
All nations glorify thee as the true Theotokos who gave birth without seed; for He is our God Who, having descended into thy sanctified womb, became of our essence. God and Man was born of thee.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Every heavenly being fittingly bendeth its knee, with those of earth and those in the nethermost parts, before Him Who became incarnate of thee, O Virgin; He hath been glorified.

O the reconciliation which took place within thee! For He Who abundantly bestoweth gifts hath as God given us the divine Spirit, having received flesh of thee, O Maiden, in that He hath been glorified.

Holy Apostle of Christ Andrew, pray to God for us!

(Note: If more than four troparia appear in either canon for the Holy Apostle Andrew, read only four)

My soul, which hath been troubled by wicked thoughts and words, do thou purify with the divine grace which dwelleth within thee, O Andrew, preacher of Christ, that I may pour forth a worthy hymn to thee in purity.

The Forerunner of Christ, who sprang forth from a barren woman, led Andrew, rejoicing, the most eminent and honoured of his disciples, to Christ the supremely glorified, Who was born of the Virgin.

With desire and unwavering love beginning to mount the steps of the virtues, ever learning to ascend, from weakness thou didst attain unto the most lofty strength, O Andrew.

Theotokion

Rejoice, O wellspring of grace! Rejoice, stairway and portal to heaven! Rejoice, golden candlestick and jar, and mountain unquarried, who for the world gavest birth unto Christ, the Bestower of life.

Holy Apostle of Christ Andrew, pray to God for us!

With the rod of the Gospel didst thou fish, O all-praised Andrew, drawing men forth from the deep of falsehood, as Christ promised, Who taught thee to pursue men as though they were fish.

The divinely inspired Andrew, the pillar of the Faith and seat of the true dogmas of Christ, doth today summon all the ends of the earth to celebrate his yearly festival. Let us therefore make haste, all ye faithful!

Having pursued the fish of the sea with nets, with the skill of a fisherman dost thou fish for nations, tribes and peoples with the net of the Spirit, and most manifestly dost thou plainly disclose to us through the Spirit a lofty depth, O most wondrous one.

O thou who solemnized the mysteries of heaven, eyewitness and propounder of the ineffable knowledge of Christ, thou who received the Holy Spirit from on high, who discourseth, and sitteth among the nations and doth dispense gifts with Fire: Pray thou that we be saved.

Glory... With faith I worship the supernatural Unity of the all-unoriginate Trinity, not dividing the Godhead. For It is of a single kind, simple and indivisible. And I unite It by essence and faithfully distinguish the Persons.

Both... God is born an Infant unto the Virgin, and He reneweth that which, through Adam, hath become corrupt; and He breaketh down the wall of partition and the chamber of enmity with His flesh. And coming forth from His all-pure Mother, He doth annul the curse of our first mother.

C. Katavasia (Tone 1)

Christ is born, glorify Him./ Christ is from heaven receive Him./ Christ is on earth, be ye lifted up./ Sing unto the Lord, all the earth./ And praise Him with joy, ye people;// For He hath glorified Himself.

Canticle Three

Irmos: O Most High, Thou Ruler of all,/ Who out of non-existence/ hast brought all things, which are fashioned by Thy Word/ and made perfect by the Spirit;// Confirm me in Thy love!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The ungodly one was confounded by Thy Cross, for he fell into the pit which he dug; but in Thy resurrection, O Christ, Thou didst raise up the lowly.

The preaching of piety to the nations covered them like the water of the sea, O Thou Who lovest mankind; for having risen from the tomb, Thou didst reveal the light of the Trinity.

Theotokion

All-glorious things have been said of thee, O animate city of Him Who reigneth forever; for through thee, O Mistress, did God come to dwell with those on earth.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

The Virgin, having sprung forth as the rod of the root of Jesse, as said the prophets, put Thee forth as a flower for us, O Christ. Holy art Thou, O Lord!

That Thou mightest cause mortals to partake of the divine, Thou didst abase Thyself, receiving our flesh from the Virgin. Holy art Thou, O Lord!

Holy Apostle of Christ Andrew, pray to God for us!

Thou wast not summoned, but of thine own will didst thou run like a thirsting hart to the Wellspring of life, and having found Him thou didst preach Him to all; and having drunk thereof thou didst drench the parched ends of the earth with the waters of incorruption.

Mindful of the laws of nature, O right wondrous Andrew, thou didst take thy kinsman into partnership, crying out: "We have found the Desired One!" And to him who prepared the way by his birth in the flesh thou didst show spiritual knowledge.

From the depths of deception hast thou caught reason-endowed fish in the net of the Word, O apostle, and thou hast brought pure food to the table of Christ: those who have been enlightened by the grace of Him Who appeared in fleshly form.

Theotokion

Though thou didst conceive God in thy womb, O Virgin, by the All-Holy Spirit wast thou preserved unconsumed, for to Moses the lawgiver the unburnt bush manifestly foretold thee, who, aflame, received the unbearable Fire.

Holy Apostle of Christ Andrew, pray to God for us!

Cephas and Andrew straightway followed Christ, Who summoned them, saying, "Come, follow Me!", leaving their father, their boat and nets, for they were visionaries of faith.

Transforming pagan temples into churches, O most honoured one, thou didst sanctify therein children of baptism, whom grace hath renewed through water and the Spirit.

Thou didst mystically set before the world the pearl of great price which was hid within the field of thy heart, O apostle, which the gentiles, finding, treasured faithfully.

Taking up the Gospel in thy hands as a treasure, O much lauded one, thou didst enrich all the earth with thy divine preaching. Wherefore, it honoureth thy memory and thy sufferings.

Glory... Let us all hymn in Orthodox manner, in Trinity, the one power of the unoriginate, uncreated, consubstantial, equally enthroned, tri-hypostatic, three-Sunned God, chanting unto Him.

Both... Every mother who beareth a child can no longer be a virgin; but thou, O Virgin Mother, having given birth unto Christ, didst so remain, nourishing our Life with milk and remaining pure.

C. Katavasia (Tone 1)

To the Son Who was begotten of the Father/ without change before all ages,/ and in the last times was without seed made flesh of the Virgin,/ to Christ our God let us cry aloud:// Thou hast raised up our horn, holy art Thou, O Lord.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion for the Holy Apostle Andrew (Tone 2)

The divinely eloquent namesake of manliness,/ the eminent follower of the Church,/ the kinsman of Peter, let us praise,/ for as of old he was called, so now he calleth us:// Come ye, we have found the Desired One!

R. Ikos

Of old David constrained a sinner like me to declare the precepts of God honorably. And again he teacheth and with many tears doth proclaim: Today, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts as Israel once embittered themselves! And he leadeth the rest in psalmody: Come ye, hymn the Lord, all ye lands, for we have found the Desired One!

R. Sessional Hymns

We honour thee as is meet, O apostle Andrew, as the first-called of all the disciples and an eyewitness and minister of the Word; for, fervently and with unwavering faith, thou didst follow the Lamb Who taketh away the sins of the world. And thereafter thou didst show thyself to share in the sufferings of Him Who willingly endured death for our sake. Wherefore, we cry to thee: Pray thou to Christ God, that He grant remission of sins unto those who, with love, celebrate thy holy memory.

Glory... Setting at naught the audacity of the idols and yearning for the sufferings of Christ, thou didst show thyself to be an apostle, O blessed Andrew, raining down wonders from heaven, and wast a teacher of the nations, O most blessed one. Wherefore, honouring thy memory as is meet, in hymns we glorify and faithfully magnify thee, O apostle of the Lord. Pray thou to Christ God, that He grant remission of sins to those who with love celebrate thy holy memory.

Both... Rejoice, O fiery throne of God! Rejoice, O Maiden, royal seat and lavishly appointed couch, chamber hung with gold-embroidered purple, cloak of scarlet, temple adorned, chariot of lightning, most radiant candlestick! Rejoice, twelve-walled city, gate cast of gold, radiant bridal chamber, magnificently appointed banquet hall and divinely embellished tabernacle! Rejoice, glorious Bride, radiant as the sun! Rejoice, thou who alone art the splendor of my soul!

Canticle Four

Irmos: Thou hast shown us constant love, O Lord,/ for Thou didst give Thine only-begotten Son over to death for us./ Wherefore, in thanksgiving we cry to Thee:// Glory to Thy power, O Lord.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

In Thy mercy, Thou didst withstand wounds and stripes, O Christ, enduring the malice of blows to Thy cheeks; and with long-suffering deigning to be spit upon, Thou didst thereby accomplish salvation for me. Glory to Thy power, O Lord.

Thou didst partake of death in a mortal body, O Life, for the sake of the suffering of the poor and the groans of Thy paupers; and having brought corruption upon the corrupter, O All-glorious One, Thou didst resurrect all with Thyself, in that Thou hast been glorified.

Theotokion

Remember, O Christ, the flock which Thou hast acquired by Thy suffering; and accepting the merciful entreaties of Thine all-glorious Mother, deliver it by Thy power, O Lord, visiting it in its affliction.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

O Master, Who set the mountains in the scales of divine understanding, Thou wast cut from the stone of the Virgin without the aid of men's hands. Glory to Thy power, O Thou Who lovest mankind.

Thou hast healed our infirm nature, O Master, within the Virgin uniting to it Thine all-pure divinity, a most speedy remedy, O Word.

Holy Apostle of Christ Andrew, pray to God for us!

The divine and consuming power of the higher, all-accomplishing and radiant Spirit, Who, in godly manner, made His abode within thee in the form of a tongue of fire, O Andrew, showed thee forth as a preacher of ineffable things.

The most honoured Andrew did not take up weapons of the flesh for retribution, even to lay low the strong citadels of the enemy, but, protected by Christ, having captured the nations, he brought them to obedience.

Our superessential God, Who hath assumed our nature, hath shown thee, O Andrew, to be a mountain which poureth forth noetic gladness, destroying the cruel mountains of demonic arrogance.

By thy supplications, O Andrew, do thou never cease to till with the bountiful gifts of Christ, thy Teacher, those who lovingly celebrate thy memory in song.

Theotokion

We hymn thy great and awesome mystery, for He Who ever existeth, hiding Himself from the supramundane legions, descended upon thee like the dew upon the fleece, unto our salvation and restoration, O all-hymned one.

Holy Apostle of Christ Andrew, pray to God for us!

Having cast aside thy nets and taken up the Cross, thou didst follow after Christ Who called thee, and, stretching out the net of the Spirit, thou dost catch men instead of fish. Glory to Him Who gave thee the Spirit!

Having received the flaming tongue of the Spirit, thou didst become a man well-pleasing unto God, O apostle, going about the beauties of heaven, recognizing the noetic comeliness therein, and revealing it to us.

Thou didst water the parched desert with thy divine words, O wise one, and didst show it forth as fertile, bearing fruit, the children of

the Church, through the broadcasting of the seed. Glory to Him Who gave thee the Spirit!

Perceiving Thine ineffable goodness, O Jesus, Andrew summoned his kinsman, saying: "O Peter, my blood kinsman, we have found the Messiah, Who was proclaimed in the Law and the Prophets! Come, let us truly join ourselves unto Life!"

Glory... O ye faithful, let us hymn the Trinity in Unity: the Father, the Son, and the divine Spirit, One in Godhead, Essence and Nature, indivisible, inseparable, undivided; for He is One God in three Persons.

Both... Having ineffably conceived One of the Trinity in thy womb, thou didst incorruptly give birth unto Him as a Son; yet the Trinity was not at any time added to. And as thou wast pure before giving birth, thou wast kept whole, O Mother of God.

C. Katavasia (Tone 1)

A rod from the root of Jesse/ and blossom therefrom, O Christ,/ Thou didst spring forth from the Virgin;/ from the mountain overshadowed and densely wooded hast Thou come,/ incarnate of her who knew not man,/ O Thou praised and immaterial God.// Glory to Thy power, O Lord!

Canticle Five

Irmos: I rise at dawn unto Thee, the Creator of all,/ Who passest all worldly understanding;/ for Thy commandments are light,// wherein do Thou direct me.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Through the envy of the Jews Thou wast given over to an unjust judge, O Beholder of all. And Thou Who judgest the whole earth with justice hast delivered ancient Adam from condemnation.

O Christ Who hast risen from the dead, grant Thy peace unto Thy Churches through the invincible power of Thy Cross, and save Thou our souls.

Theotokion

O only Ever-virgin, thou hast been shown to be the holy tabernacle and more spacious than the heavens, in that thou didst receive the Word of God, Whom all creation cannot contain.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Thy Son, the Word of God, O Virgin, the Creator of Adam the first-formed, is not a created being, even though He fashioned animate flesh for Himself out of thee.

Thy Son, the Lord Jesus, the Word of God, O Virgin, a Hypostasis perfect in two natures, is perfect God and perfect man.

Holy Apostle of Christ Andrew, pray to God for us!

Thou didst receive Him for Whom thou didst long, O apostle Andrew, making thine abode with Him in the incorruptible mansions, worthily having harvested the sheaves of thy labors. Wherefore, we glorify thee with hymns.

Thou didst love the Master, and quickly didst thou run after Him, guided towards life by His footprints and unfeignedly emulating His sufferings even unto death, O most honourable Andrew.

Having drawn thee like a mighty arrow, O blessed one, the Lord loosed thee at the world, wounding the demons and healing men wounded by ungodliness.

Theotokion

The hosts of heaven are gladdened at the sight of thee, and with them rejoice the assemblies of men; for by thy birthgiving, O Virgin Theotokos, they are united, glorifying thee as is meet.

Holy Apostle of Christ Andrew, pray to God for us!

Having yearned for the Cross, O disciple of Christ, through thy cross didst thou obtain the incorruptible kingdom, whereto thou didst draw all the initiates of God with the Cross, granting an inheritance unto us, the theologians thereof.

Thou didst truly search for Christ our Life, and having searched, thou wast first to find Him; and having found Him, thou didst mystically embrace; and having received it in the Giver Himself, thou becamest a treasury of life incorruptible.

The utterances of thy divine thunderings were poured forth in the world and traveled from one end of the earth to the other, for they have circled round like a wheel; and thy lightnings, as David saith, have appeared to the whole world.

Remember us who celebrate thy memory and venerate thy relics, O disciple of Christ. Pray thou ever earnestly in behalf of the flock whose preserver and salvation thou hast been from the beginning.

Glory... O ye faithful, together let us glorify God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the indivisible Trinity, the tri-hypostatic Kingship, faithfully glorifying It with unceasing theologizings.

Both... Thou didst give birth to the Light knowing not how, O thou who bearest the lamp of the Light of the Sun; and thou wast a new tabernacle of divine light, emitting rays of divine knowledge for the whole world.

C. Katavasia (Tone 1)

God of peace, the Father of mercies,/ Thou hast sent unto us an Angel of Thy great council,/ Who giveth us peace./ Therefore having been led unto the light of godly wisdom,/ waking early from the night// we do sing praises of Thee, O Lover of mankind.

Canticle Six

Irmos: The uttermost abyss of sins hath engulfed me,/ and my spirit doth perish./ But, stretching forth Thine upraised arm, O Master,// save me as Thou didst Peter, O Helmsman!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

An abyss of mercy and compassion hath surrounded me through Thy compassionate descent; for having become incarnate and taken on the form of a servant, O Master, Thou didst deify me, glorifying me with Thyself.

The slayer underwent death, beholding Him Who was dead alive again. These were images of Thy resurrection, O Christ, and of Thine all-pure, vanquishing sufferings.

Theotokion

O all-pure one who alone dost mediate before the Creator and men, in manner past understanding: entreat thy merciful Son, and be thou a champion for thine all-sinful servants.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

He Who shareth no form receiveth our form from the incorrupt Virgin, becoming man in form and matter without changing in His divinity.

O all-pure one, deliver me from the abyss of sins and the tempest of the passions, for thou art a haven and an abyss of miracles for those who have recourse unto thee with faith.

Holy Apostle of Christ Andrew, pray to God for us!

Sailing the sea of life in the vessel of thy body, thou didst discover Christ, the Helmsman Who guideth all things, O most blessed one, and thou didst stand before Him rejoicing, O most honoured Andrew.

Evil spirits are cast out at thy word, infirmities take flight, a multitude of spiritual passions are driven far away from the afflicted by the grace given thee by God, O Andrew.

Like a gentle wave, moved by a meek spirit. O blessed one, with divine streams didst thou drain the sea of wicked polytheism and didst pour forth rivers of divine knowledge for all.

Theotokion

O all-pure Virgin, the ancestors of our race are gladdened on thine account, having received through thee Eden, which they had lost through transgression, for thou art pure both before and after giving birth.

Holy Apostle of Christ Andrew, pray to God for us!

He who was led away from Bethsaida doth summon us to hold festival, having set before us the solemnity of the commemoration of his struggles.

By trade a fisherman, by faith a disciple, plumbing the depths of the heart of the faithful, he doth lower the hook of the word and doth catch us.

Spreading the fire of the love of Christ within thy heart, O disciple, thou didst cry out to the gentiles: Your flame doth burn for Christ, Who hath truly appeared!

Having seasoned your minds with the salt of Christ, your wages have sweetened the heavenly dogmas of unwaning delight for us.

Glory... The Father, the Son, and the right Spirit, the tri-hypostatic Essence, indivisible, let us worship, O ye faithful, crying out: Glory to God in Trinity!

Both... At the good pleasure of the Father and through the Holy Spirit was the Son incarnate in thy womb, O pure one, and manifestly did He save that which before was in His image.

C. Katavasia (Tone 1)

The sea monster spat forth Jonah/ as it had received him, like a babe from the womb;/ while the Word, having dwelt in the Virgin and taken flesh,/ came forth from her yet kept her uncorrupt./ For being Himself not subject to decay,// He preserved His Mother free from harm.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion, Tone 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb/ O Merciful One/ leading us from the gates of death./ On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;/ with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise// the divine majesty of Thy power.

R. Ikos

Let heaven and earth join chorus today and with one mind hymn Christ God, for He hath raised the prisoners up from the graves. All creation rejoiceth, offering worthy hymns to our Deliverer, the Creator of all; for having led men up from hell today, in that He is the Bestower of life, He exalteth them to the heavens with Him, doth cast down the arrogance of the enemy, and breaketh down the gates of hell by the divine might of His authority.

Canticle Seven

Irmos: As of old Thou didst bedew the three pious children/ in the Chaldaean flame,/ with the radiant fire of Thy divinity/ illumine us who cry:// Blessed is the God of our fathers.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The splendid veil of the temple was rent in twain at the crucifixion of the Creator, revealing the truth hidden in the Scripture unto the faithful who cry: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

When Thy side was pierced, O Christ, with the drops of Thy divinely flowing and life-creating blood, which fell upon the ground according to Thy design, Thou didst restore those on earth, who cry: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

Triadicon

Let us glorify the good Spirit with the Father and the only-begotten Son, O ye faithful, worshipping the one Godhead and Sovereignty in three, crying: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

O Thou Who art the Lord of glory, Who ruleth the heavenly hosts, Who sittest with the Father, and art borne in the Virgin's arms: O Lord God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

Harsh is death, yet when Thou didst unite Thyself to it, having become divinely hypostatic flesh through the Virgin, Thou didst destroy it. Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers!

Holy Apostle of Christ Andrew, pray to God for us!

Truly and manifestly hath Thy promise been fulfilled, O Christ, for Thy most divine disciple, rebuking a tempest with a word, transformed it into a peaceful calm. Praised art Thou and most glorious, O God of our fathers!

Commanded to ascend the mountain of the noetic Sion, O apostle, and having passed over death to divine life, rejoicing, thou dost bestow the cup of salvation of the praised and most glorious God of our fathers, having received it thyself.

The divine Water of life showed thee forth, O blessed one, as a noetic river which drieth up rivers of deception with streams of teaching and doth water those who cry: Praised and most glorious art Thou, O God of our fathers!

Though a mortal, O apostle, thou dost supernaturally work wonders, for, undergoing suffering with love, thou didst follow after Christ Who loved thee, chanting: Praised and most glorious is God!

Theotokion

O Theotokos, Jacob prophetically understood thee to be a ladder, for through thee the All-exalted One appeared and dwelt among men on earth, as He was well-pleased so to do. Praised and most glorious is the God of our fathers!

Holy Apostle of Christ Andrew, pray to God for us!

O apostle of Christ, the fire of the Holy Spirit, descending from on high, commanded thee to proclaim His mighty works upon the ends of the earth in new languages which thou hadst never spoken before.

The proclamation which ye trumpeted forth to the earth doth astound every mind, O initiates of the mysteries of Christ and beholders of lofty things, for as the twelve ye have enlightened the darkness of the earth.

O Master Christ, wondrous was Thy grace in Thy divinely wise disciples who, as simple and humble men, traversed the whole earth from one end thereof even unto all its ends.

Who instructed thee to speak thus, O apostle? Who enlightened thy mind to behold clearly the effulgence of the unapproachable glory which shineth forth the light of truth in our hearts?

Glory... Let us hymn the Trinity, O ye faithful, glorifying the unoriginate Father, and the Son, and the upright Spirit, the single Essence; and let us chant threefold hymns unto It, singing: Holy, holy, holy art Thou forever! Amen.

Both... O Christ, we glorify Thee as One of the Trinity, for, incarnate of the Virgin without change, Thou didst bear all things as a man without departing from the Father's essence, O Jesus, even though Thou wast united unto us.

C. Katavasia (Tone 1)

The youths who were brought up together in godliness,/ despising the command of the unrighteous infidel,/ were not terrified by the threatening fire,/ but standing in the midst of the flames they did sing:// O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou.

Canticle Eight

Irmos: United in the unbearable fire,/ yet unharmed by its flame,/ the pious youths chanted a divine hymn in intercession:/ Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord,// and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The splendor of the temple was rent in twain when Thy Cross was planted on Golgotha, and creation fell down in fear, singing: Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord! Hymn and exalt Him supremely forever!

Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Christ, and by Thy divine power didst set aright him who fell, deceived into eating of the tree; and he crieth and saith: Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord! Hymn and exalt Him supremely forever!

Theotokion

Thou hast been shown to be the temple of God, an animate habitation, and the ark; for thou, O all-pure Theotokos, hast reconciled the Creator with men, and all of us, His works, hymn thee fittingly and exalt Him supremely for all ages.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

As the Mother of God and one close to Him, thou didst surpass the noetic ranks. We bless thine Offspring, O blessed Virgin, and exalt Him supremely for all ages.

Thou didst show forth a natural beauty, most comely, which illumineth the flesh of the Divinity. We bless thine Offspring, O blessed Virgin, and exalt Him supremely for all ages.

Holy Apostle of Christ Andrew, pray to God for us!

O Andrew, apostle of Christ, thy divine memory doth shine forth radiant and gladdening rays of healing upon us who cry out: Hymn the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Possessed of human nature, thou didst transcend the laws thereof and didst pass on to the habitations of the angels, O apostle Andrew; and thou dost cry out: Hymn the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

The inspiration of the Spirit of God, which before illumined thee with fire from on high, O divinely eloquent apostle, doth show thee to be a zealous orator who crieth out to thy Christ: Hymn the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Thou didst flash forth like lightning, a radiant light unto the gentiles, dispelling the darkness of ignorance and illumining the faithful, who cry: Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, hymn and exalt Him supremely forever!

Theotokion

Rejoice, thou throne of the glory of God! Rejoice, rampart of the faithful through which hath shone forth Christ, the Light of those who are in darkness, who bless thee and cry out: Hymn the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Holy Apostle of Christ Andrew, pray to God for us!

With a fisherman's skill thou didst draw fish from the sea. O most wise one, and now, with faith, thou dost draw men from the deception of the enemy for Christ. For deception was once an abyss which drowned the nations in the storm of impiety.

Propelled by the sail of the Spirit, with faith in Christ thou didst navigate the noetic abyss of life without being capsized, O apostle. Wherefore, rejoicing, thou hast attained unto the harbor of life for all ages.

When the noetic Sun set of His own will upon the Tree, the great Andrew, the lamp of the Church, the beacon of the Sun, seeking to end his life with Christ and to set in Him, was suspended upon the wood of a cross.

O disciple and beloved friend of Christ, and one of His apostles: When the Judge sitteth upon His throne with you, His twelve, to render judgment as He hath promised, be ye then for us a rampart of love of mankind.

Let us bless Father, Son, Holy Spirit, the Lord!
Let us glorify the thrice-radiant Unity, the equally-enthroned Trinity, not separating It, but uniting It consubstantially as truly One Essence, united without confusion in three Persons.

Both... Having conceived, thou didst give birth unto one of the Trinity; Who, incarnate of thee, doth renew the laws of nature by thy birthgiving, O pure one. Cease not ever to beseech Him as God in our behalf, O Theotokos.

We praise, we bless, we worship the Lord, praising and supremely exalting Him unto all ages.

C. Katavasia (Tone 1)
The furnace moist with dew/ was the image and figure of a wonder past nature./ For it burnt not the Children whom it had received,/ even as the fire of the Godhead consumed not the Virgin’s womb into which it had descended./ Therefore in praise let us sing:// Let the whole creation bless the Lord and exalt Him above all forever.

P. Magnificat
C. Song of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Canticle Nine

Irmos: A wonder new and divine:/ the Lord manifestly passeth through the closed door of the Virgin,/ naked at His entry;/ and God doth reveal Himself as corporeal as He issueth forth;/ and yet the gate remaineth shut.// Ineffably let us magnify her as the Mother of God.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Awesome is it to behold Thee, the Creator, O Word of God, uplifted upon the Tree: God suffering in the flesh for His servants, and lying in the tomb, bereft of breath, and releasing the dead from hell. Wherefore, O Christ, we magnify Thee as omnipotent.

Placed dead in the tomb, Thou didst save the forefathers from the corruption of death; and, raising up the dead, Thou didst cause life to blossom forth, guiding human nature to the light and clothing it in divine incorruption. Wherefore, we ever magnify Thee as the Light of life.

Theotokion

Thou hast been shown to be the temple and throne of God, wherein He Who is in the highest dwelt, born of thee who knewest not man, O most pure one, without in any wise opening the gates of thy flesh. Wherefore, O pure one, by thine unceasing supplications quickly and utterly subdue the barbaric nations.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

The pious and faithful can never have enough of thy praises, O Virgin; for, ever receiving divine and spiritual desire through desire, we magnify thee as the Mother of God.

Thou hast appointed for us an unashamed advocate, her who gave Thee birth, O Christ. Through her entreaties Thou givest us the merciful Spirit, the Bestower of goodness, Who through Thee proceedeth from the Father.

Holy Apostle of Christ Andrew, pray to God for us!

As a most excellent disciple, following even unto death thy Master Who was crucified of His own will upon the Cross, thou didst ascend the heights of thy cross rejoicing, and didst pass on to the heavens, O blessed Andrew.

The gates of Eden were opened unto thee, and the ladder of heaven was set up for thee. The mansions of heaven received thee and thou didst stand, rejoicing, before Christ, the Bestower of life, O apostle, most eminent intercessor for the world.

Thou wast glorified by sufferings like unto those of thy Teacher, O blessed and most wise Andrew; for thou didst receive thine end through a cross and wast deified through communion with God. Wherefore, we beseech thee: Pray thou ever in our behalf.

Rejoice, most excellent pair, having now inherited citizenship in the heavens! Ye have transcended the desire for crowns, having conquered the power thereof, and ye illumine us with the radiance of divine gifts.

Theotokion

Thou didst spring forth from the root of David, the prophet and forefather of God, O Virgin; but thou hast glorified David, for thou gavest birth unto the Lord of glory, Whom he prophesied. Hymning Him, we magnify thee as is meet.

Holy Apostle of Christ Andrew, pray to God for us!

O holy one, who spread out the net of the mystic knowledge of God, and who ensnared fish therein with the beauties of heavenly thoughts: Entreat the Holy Trinity to pour forth cleansing upon us.

The nations enlightened by thee and led up from earth to the heavens by thee give thanks, for, wrested from the service of the enemy, they have become companions of the holy angels, partakers of the glory of the Lord.

O ye apostles, witnesses of ineffable things and ministers of the Word, performers of the mysteries and beholders of inscrutable things: Pray ye that we become heirs to the kingdom of Christ and partakers in His divinity.

Having received from Christ the power to bind and to loose, loose ye us all from the bonds of our many transgressions when Christ shall come and all ye twelve will be seated upon thrones to judge all the tribes of Israel.

Glory... Unceasingly we glorify in heaven and on earth the incomprehensible Trinity, the tri-hypostatic Essence, the indivisible Glory which is hymned in one Godhead, piously worshipping the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Both... We flee with faith to thy loving-kindness, piously worshipping thy Son, O Virgin Theotokos. Him do thou entreat as the God and Lord of the world, that He deliver us from corruption, misfortune and every temptation.

C. Katavasia (Tone 1)

A **strange** and most wonderful mystery do I **see**;/ the cave is **hea**ven;/ the **Vir**gin the throne of the **che**rubim;/ the manger a room, in which Christ, the God Whom nothing can con**tain**, is laid.// Him do we praise and **mag**nify.

P. Small Ectenia
C. Holy is the Lord our God...

R. Exapostilarion Six (Luke 24:36-53)

Showing that Thou art man in essence, O Saviour, Thou hast risen from the tomb. And Thou hast partaken of food and hast stood in their midst to preach repentance. And Thou hast straightway ascended to the Father and promised to send the disciples the Comforter.

Glory... Exapostilarion for the Apostle Andrew

Finding thee, the all-unoriginate Word showed thee forth as the first-called of all the apostles, O most blessed and ever-memorable Andrew; and

having followed in His steps, thou didst show thyself to be a guide for them that are astray, leading them to the divine and heavenly path.

Both... Theotokion

The Maker of the creation and God of all, has taken mortal flesh from thine undefiled blood, O all-holy Virgin. And my nature corrupt throughout has He made new, leaving thee the same after as before childbirth. Therefore we all praise thee with faith crying: Rejoice! Queen of the World.

C. Lauds: Tone 3 Stichera

Let **e**very bre-ath **praise** the Lord/
Praise the Lord from the **Hea**vens/
Praise Him in the **high**est/
To **Thee** is due a **hymn**, O God/
Praise Him, all ye His **An**gels;/
Praise Him, all **ye** His hosts.//
To Thee is due a **hymn**, O God.

R. (The following may be read or sung antiphonally)
Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars and light.
Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the Lord; For He spake, and they came to be; He commanded, and they were created.
He established them forever, yea, forever and ever; He hath set an ordinance, and it shall not pass away.
Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all ye abysses,
Fire, hail, snow, ice, blast of tempest, which perform His word,
The mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees, and all cedars,
The beasts and all the cattle, creeping things and winged birds,
Kings of the earth, and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth,
Young men and virgins, elders with the younger; let them praise the name of the Lord, for exalted is the name of Him alone.
His praise is above the earth and heaven, and He shall exalt the horn of His people.
This is the hymn for all His saints, for the sons of Israel, and for the people that draw nigh unto Him.
Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.
Let Israel be glad in Him that made him, let the sons of Sion rejoice in their king.
Let them praise His name in the dance; with the timbrel and the psaltery let them chant unto Him.
For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people, and He shall exalt the meek with salvation.
The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds.
The high praise of God shall be in their throat, and two-edged swords shall be in their hands.
To do vengeance among the heathen, punishments among the peoples,
To bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manacles of iron,

V. To do among them the judgment that is written/ This glory shall be to **all** His saints.

1. O **come** all ye **na**tions,/ per**ceive** the might of this awful **mys**tery./ Our **Saviour** Who in the be**gin**ning was the Word,/ has been **cru**cified for us and of His own Will suffered **bur**ial,/ on the third **day** He rose again that He might **save** us all.// Therefore let us **wor**ship Him.

V. Praise ye God in His saints,/ praise Him in the firmament of His **po**wer.

2. The **watch** that **guard**ed Thee, O Lord,/ re**la**ted all the wonders that had **come** to pass,/ but the vain as**sem**bly of the Sanhedrin filled their **hands** with gifts,/ thus **think**ing to hide Thy Resurrection that the whole world **glo**rifies.// Have **mer**cy upon us.

V. Praise Him for His mighty acts,/ praise Him according to the multitude of His **great**ness.

3. All **things** were filled with joy at receiving the tidings of Thy Resur**rec**tion,/ **for** Mary Magdalene, when she **went** to Thy tomb,/ found an **an**gel in shining raiment seated upon the **stone** who said:/ **'Why** do ye seek the living a**mong** the dead?/ He is not **here**, but risen, **as** He said,// and He goes before you into **Ga**lilee.'

V. Praise Him with the sound of trumpet,/ praise Him with **psal**tery and harp.

4. O **Mas**ter Who **lo**vest mankind,/ in Thy **light** do we **see** light./ For **Thou** art risen **from** the dead/ and hast be**stowed** salvation on **man**kind./ Let all the cre**a**tion give glory to Thee Who alone art with**out** sin// and do Thou have **mer**cy upon us.

V. Praise Him with timbrel and dance,/ praise Him with **strings** and flute.

Stichera for the Apostle Andrew (Tone 1)

5. Be **glad** now, O Bethsaida, for the most fragrant lilies, Peter and **An**drew,/ have blossomed forth in thee from the vale of their **mo**ther,/ perfuming the whole world with the preaching of the Faith through the **grace** of Christ;// and they have shared also in His **suf**ferings.

V. Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation./ Let every breath praise the Lord.

6. Re**joice** and make merry, O **An**drew,/ for, clearly, in the radiance of the Word, thou hast received Christ, the Sun of **glo**ry,/ the Bestower of life, to Whom cleaving with faith, thou **didst** preach.// Him do thou unceasingly entreat in behalf of us that **hymn** thee with faith.

V. Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

7. **An**drew, the be**hold**er of God,/ the teacher of the mysteries of the divine dispen**sa**tion of Christ,/ elect among the first to be disciples **of** the Word,/ beholding Peter, his brother, crying a**loud**, did say:// We have found the Messiah Whom the Scriptures and the **pro**phets foretold!

V. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.

(Tone 8)

8. **Let** us praise Andrew, the preacher of the Faith and **ser**vant of the Word,/ for he hath drawn forth men from **the** abyss,/ wielding the Cross in**stead** of a rod;/ and lowering a line of power, he leadeth up souls from the deception of the **e**nemy,/ and doth ever offer them to God as an ac**cep**table gift./ Let us praise him, ye faithful, among the choirs of the dis**ci**ples of Christ,/ that he may **pray** with them,// that Christ be merciful unto us on the day of **Judg**ment.

Glory... <u>Gospel Sticheron</u> (Tone 6)

Thou, O Christ, art **peace** indeed/ Who givest the peace of **God** to men,/ and after the Resurrection, Thou hast shown terrible things to the dis**cip**les/ who supposed they saw a **spi**rit./ But Thou hast calmed the tumult **of** their souls,/ by showing them Thine **hands** and feet./ To those who nevertheless still **dis**believed,/ Thou hast opened their minds to understand the **Scrip**tures/ by partaking food with them and reminding them of Thy **teach**ings./ And having assured them of the promise of the **Fa**ther,/ and having blessed them, Thou hast gone away to **hea**ven.// With them we therefore worship Thee, glory to **Thee**, O Lord.

Both now and ever... (Tone 2)

Most Blessed art Thou, O Virgin Theo**to**kos,/ for through Him Who became incarnate of thee is hades led **cap**tive,/ **Ad**am recalled, the curse annulled, Eve set fre-e, **death** slain,/ and we are given life. Wherefore, we cry a**loud** in praise:/ Blessed art Thou, O **Christ** God,// Who hast been thus well-pleased, **glo**ry to Thee.

The Great Doxology

Dismissal Tropar:

Today is salvation come unto the world; let us sing to Him Who arose from the tomb, and is the Author of our life. For having destroyed death by death, He hath given us the victory and great mercy.

P. Litanies
Dismissal

R. Hours:
Tropar: Resurrection & Saint
Kontak: Saint/Resurrection alternating

<u>At Liturgy</u>
Order of Troparia & Kontakia as per a Polyeleos Service

Prokimenon for Tone 3
O chant unto our God, chant ye; chant unto our King, chant ye!
V. Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing.

Prokimenon for the Apostle Andrew (Tone 8)
Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Epistle(s): Col. 1:12-18 & I Cor 4:9-16

Alleluia for Tone 3
V. In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me not be put to shame in the age to come.
V. Be Thou unto me a God to defend me and a house of refuge to save me.

Alleluia for the Apostle Andrew (Tone 1)
V. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints.

Gospels: Luke 13:10-17 & John 1:35-51

Communion Hymn: Praise Ye & Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.