

# St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church Sunday, November 30, 2025 The Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called

His Eminence, Metropolitan SABA
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## RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (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 (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. GEORGE (TONE FOUR)

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings, victorious Great George intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

### KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY (TONE THREE)

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."

#### THOSE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

**Living:** Romy, Chase, Paul, Mary, Joshua, Peter, Richard, Anthony, Laila, Michael, Ray, Pam, Amal, Nejwa, Randa, Regan, Theresa, Kristine, Sherry, Samira, Robert, Daniel, Jane, Jillian, Sandy, Iyad, Nicholas, Alexandros, Theopisti, David, Donald.

Caroline Aeed and family offer a 40-day Trisagion in memory of Catherine Aeed Michaels. May her memory be eternal. For the health of the Aeed family, Miller family, Caroline, Larry, Marlo, Kyle, Michael, James, BJ, Kipper. May God grant them many years.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Colin Thomas Wahl & Linda Haddad Wahl on the Churching of their baby, Layla Katherine Wahl. May God grant them many years.

Ibtisam and Mitch Salem offer holy bread for their health, blessings, salvation of their children, Danny, Dina, Sami, Joanne, and their families. May God grant them many years. For the souls of departed, Yousef, Jaleelih, Jack, Rifka, Jameel, Jameeleh, Adeeb, Kamal, Priest Jeries, Kh. Hanieh, Fahad, Musa, Maytha, Nada, Edeh, Tamam, Yacoub, Miriam, Salem Mhaweh, Jaleeliih, Mousa, Hani, Suliman, Jehad. May their memory be eternal.

Thank you, Ibtisam and Mitch Salem, for sponsoring coffee hour!

We welcome His Grace, Bishop JOHN who is presiding over our services today. Many years, Master!