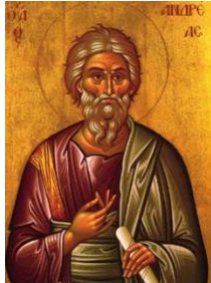




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## Saint Andrew

Feast Day: 30 November

Saint Andrew, known as the "First-Called" (Πρωτόκλητος) in the Greek Orthodox tradition, holds a place of profound reverence as one of the foremost Apostles of Jesus Christ. Born in Bethsaida, a city by the Sea of Galilee, Andrew was a fisherman by trade and the brother of Saint Peter. Before following Christ, he was a disciple of Saint John the Baptist, whose proclamation of Jesus as the Lamb of God inspired Andrew to seek and follow the Messiah. In Orthodox iconography, he is often depicted holding a cross, symbolising the manner of his martyrdom, and a scroll, representing his apostolic mission.

The Orthodox Church venerates Saint Andrew not only as a great evangelist and founder of the Church in Byzantium. According to tradition, Andrew travelled extensively, spreading the Gospel across regions such as Asia Minor, Greece, and the Black Sea. He is particularly honoured for his missionary work in Patras, where he was martyred on an X-shaped cross, now famously known as the Saint Andrew's Cross.

We celebrate his faith, courage, and unwavering commitment to Christ's teachings, inspiring Orthodox Christians worldwide.

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