

November 30th  
The Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called  
Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 5  
Special Melody: Rejoice

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1) Re - joice, thou heav - en gift - ed with speech,  
ev - er de - clar - ing the di - vine glo - ry of our God;  
the first who o - beyed with fer - vor the Sav - ior Christ when he  
called and didst straight-way join thy - self to him with zeal.  
And set all a - flame by Him, thou wast seen as a sec - ond light  
that with thy light - nings didst en - light - en those in the dark,  
im - i - tat - ing thus His great good - ness and love for man.  
Where - fore, O An - drew, we ob - serve thine all - ho - ly fes - ti - val,  
and in all glad - ness, we rev - 'rence thy rel - i -  
-quary - y in pi - e - ty, whence thou o - ver flow - est  
with sal - va - tion and Great Mer - cy for them that ask of thee.

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2) Find - ing the First of all things de - sired,  
 clothed with our na - ture for His bound - less com - pas - sion's sake,  
 O An - drew of god - ly mind, through all fier - y long - ing and  
 love with Him thou wast min - gled, and thou didst cry out  
 to thy broth - er, speak - ing thus: We have found Him that was pro - claimed  
 by all the Proph - ets in the Spir - it; come let us then  
 cap - ti - vate our soul and our mind with His come - li - ness,  
 that be - ing bright - ly guid - ed by His shin - ings, we might drive off  
 the night of false - hood and er - ror and the deep  
 dark - ness of ig - no - rance, while bless - ing Christ Je - sus,  
 Who be - stow - eth His Great Mer - cy and peace up - on the world.

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3) Thou didst catch in the net of thy words  
 and sacred oracles the nations that knew not God  
 from out of the deep of ignorance, O thou man of re-  
 -nown; and the briny seas thou troublest to the depths,  
 since thou art a fore-most horse of the Sovereign Lord of the sea;  
 and thou hast dried up the putrescence of godlessness,  
 casting there-in to thy great wisdom as precious salt,  
 at which they were astonished with the greatest astonishment,  
 they who clave shamelessly unto a wisdom  
 foolish and void of sense, O glorious Apostle,  
 for they knew not Christ, Who granteth Great Mercy to the world.