Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: Rejoice
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Rejoice, thou heaven gift ed with speech,
2) Finding the First of all things desired,
3) Thou didst catch in the net of thy words

1) ever declar ing the divine glory of our God;
clothed with our nature for His bound less compas sion's sake,
and sacred or a cles the na tions that knew not God

2) the first who obeyed with fervor the Savior Christ when he called
O Andrew of god ly mind, through all fierce longing and love
from out of the deep of igno rance, O thou man of renown;

3) and didst straight way join thy self to him with zeal.
with Him thou wast mingled and thou didst cry out
and the briny seas thou trou blest to the depths,

And set all a flame by Him, thou wast seen as a second light
to thy broth er, speaking thus: We have found Him that was pro claimed
since thou art a fore most horse of the Sov ereign Lord of the sea;

that with thy light enings didst en light en those in the dark,
by all the Proph ets in the Spirit; come let us then
and thou hast dried up the putres cence of god less ness,
imitating thus His great goodness and love for man.
captivate our soul and our mind with His come-li-ness,
casting there-into thy great wisdom as precious salt,

Wherefore, O Andrew, we observe thine all-holy festival,
that being brightly guided by His shinings, we might drive off
at which they were astonished with the greatest astonishment,

and in all gladness, we reverence thy reli-
the night of falsehood and error and the deep
they who clave shameless ly un-to a wisdom

-quarry in piety, whence thou overflowest
darkness of ignorance, while bless ing Christ Jesus,
foolish and void of sense, O glorious Apostle,

with salvation and great mercy for them that ask of thee.
Who bestoweth His great mercy and peace upon the world.

for the knew not Christ, Who grant eth great mercy to the world.