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

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special Melody: Thou art the joy

1) Be glad, Bethsaida, for in thee there have now blossomed forth out of a mystic river the most sweet-smelling lilies, Peter and blest Andrew, who both have sent forth to the whole world the fragrance of the preaching of the true Faith by the grace of Christ, Whose blest Passion they did imitate.

2) Rejoice, O Andrew, leap joyously, for thou hast received, in God the Word's bright shining, the divine Sun of Glory: Christ, the Life-bestower, to Whom holding fast, thou didst preach Him with ardent faith.
Thus, never cease to entreat Him in our behalf,

for we sing thy praises faithfully.

3) Chosen initiate of Christ's divine economy, the holy Godseer Andrew, who of all was first chosen to be the Word's disciple, when he saw his dear brother Peter, he cried aloud:

We now have found the Messiah, Who was proclaimed by the Scriptures and the Prophets of old.
4) Thee, O wise Andrew, the city of Patras
doth possess as her divine protector and her
shepherd and guardian as well as her deliverer from
dangers and griefs; and with thanks, she doth honor thee.

Hence, make entreaty without cease in her behalf
that she be preserved from every harm.