July 4th
Andrew, Archbishop of Crete, Author of the Great Canon
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 8 (Plagal 4th Mode-C)
Special Melody: What shall we now call you

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Righteous Andrew, what shall we call thee now? An ascetic who made all the passions' fury to abate; sacred minister who served the sacred Gospel of Christ God; a lyre that soundeth forth the Spirit's melodies; a harp that doth enchant the world with noble strains; a second David who danced before the Ark of Grace and the Lord's Divine New Covenant, who art truly wise and blest of God.
2) Righteous Andrew, what shall we name thee now? Emulator of the Lord's elect who struggled manfully; a sincere and truthful praiser of the holy martyred Saints; a trainer for continuance in virtue's toils; a painter of the vanity of earthly life; a dogmatician completeley true; and an instructor exact in all. Do thou

entreat Christ the Savior that our souls be saved.
3) How, O Andrew, shall we address thee now? That delightful science which holy Jerusalem brought forth; firm foundation of right doctrines which define our godly Faith; most sacred and wise bishop of the Church of Crete, who madest all the world bright with thy fiery rays, and being come forward from the East hast shed enlightenment on the West. Do thou entreat Christ the Saviour that our souls be saved.