



Great Lent Giveaway 2018

Champions of the Faith

Session Two: The Holy Apostle Andrew

Leader's Guide - Younger Children (7 - 11)

Needed Items:

- Copies of Curriculum for Orthodox ABC's
http://www.orthodoxabc.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/010-EN-ed04_St.-Andrew.pdf
- Coloring Icon of St. Andrew the Apostle -
<http://orthodoxeducation.blogspot.com/2011/11/saint-andrew-first-patriarch-of.html>
- Copy of Icon of St. Andrew on the Hills of Kyiv
- Copy of Map of the 4th Missionary Journey of St. Andrew
- Wooden letter 'x' for each participant
- stain, paint, gems, glue, small icons of St. Andrew
- Additional reference information about St. Andrew,

Notes for Leader: Our goal with each gathering of our youth, is to bring them closer into relationship with Jesus Christ. During your session, utilize unforeseen opportunities to tie what is being learned and experienced back to everyday life. The more we make the faith relevant to the lives of our young people, the deeper that relationship will grow.

1. Begin your gathering in Prayer. You may reference the supplemental materials for the Prayer of St. Ephraim for small children.

Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian

Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of laziness, faint-heartedness, lust of power and idle talk. But rather, grant unto me thy servant, the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love. Yes Lord and King, grant me to see my own sins and not to judge my brother for blessed are you to the ages of ages. Amen.

2. Pass out the handouts from Orthodox ABC. Follow the leader's instructions. When you are given the instruction to "color in the icon", you may use the icon provided from Orthodox Education.blogspot
3. Proceed with the following, "*What did you learn about St. Andrew?*" allow the youth time to answer. A few questions to ask:
 - Do you think it was hard for St. Andrew to leave his job as fisherman? Why?
 - What sorts of things did St. Andrew do to help people?
 - Where they similar to things the St. Andrew Society does to help people?
4. Share the map of the 4th Missionary Journey of St. Andrew with the group. Perhaps have a copy for each. Start at Jerusalem and have them follow the path to Patras, Greece. Ask them if they notice anything special on the journey. They may have several answers. After a few minutes focus on the fact that he stopped in Kyiv, Ukraine. Relay the following, "*St. Andrew spent time with the*

Scythian people - they lived in a large area which included present day Ukraine. Do you know what Kyiv is? (the capital of Ukraine). When St. Andrew was there it was mostly fields, hills and forrest, he said, *“See these hills? Upon these hills shall shine forth the beneficence of God, and there will be a great city here, and God shall raise up many churches.”* The apostle went up around the hills, blessed them and set up a cross. At this point, share the icon of St. Andrew. If possible - have one for each participant to take home. **This is why St. Andrew is the patron saint of Ukraine.** Ask the youth if they have any other questions or comments about St. Andrew.

5. At this point you may add in an activity to make a St. Andrew Cross to place in their prayer corners at home. You will need to purchase a wooden letter "x" from a local craft store (an example shown below from Target) for each participant. Decide upon the materials that you would utilize to adorn the cross (stain, jewels, gold filigree scrapbook stickers). We have provided small sized icons of St. Andrew to place in the center of the cross. Modge Podge will work best to secure the icon and any adornments. For another alternate activity, see the Middle/High School Leader guide. Print copies of the Tropar, so that they may be taken home with the crosses. Below you will find a note that may be given to parents.
6. Complete the session in prayer. Perhaps the meeting could be held prior to a lenten service and the youth could pray together in this way. Perhaps learn the tropar of St. Andrew:

Troparion — Tone 4

Andrew, first-called of the Apostles / and brother of the foremost disciple, / entreat the Master of all / to grant peace to the world / and to our souls great mercy.

Dear Parents,

Today we learned about the life of ST. Andrew the First- Called Apostle. If you would like to further the discussion with your child, you may learn more about St. Andrew at <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2012/11/30/103450-apostle-andrew-the-holy-and-all-praised-first-called>. You may also look-over their worksheet with them to review what they learned and discuss how they could follow Christ, as St. Andrew did.

They are bringing home a St. Andrew's Cross that they have adorned for use in your prayer corner. St. Andrew was martyred on an "x" shaped cross. We have also provided the Tropar of ST. Andrew which may be recited/chanted today as a family.

Thank you and please contact one of our Youth Ministry team if you have any questions or suggestions!

Fourth Missionary Journey of St. Andrew the Apostle



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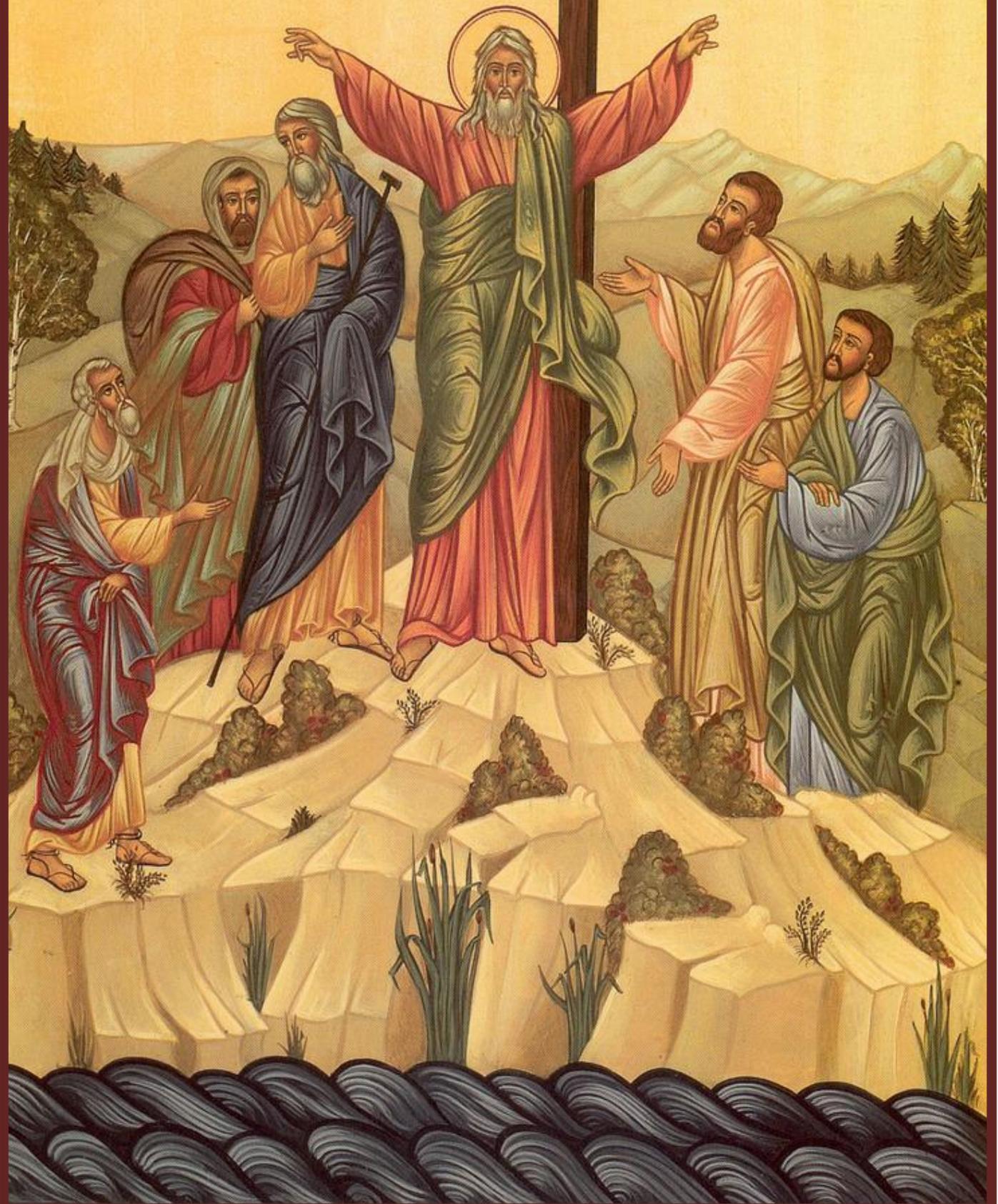
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