

The Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

St. Andrew, from Bethsaida (John 1:44), made his home in Capernaum. He is among the first Apostles called by Jesus. St. Matthew records that Andrew was walking by the sea of Galilee, when the Incarnate Lord called him, with his brother Peter, saying "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:18) Responding in faith to the Word of the Lord, Andrew left his boat, and his father, and followed Jesus. It is Andrew that brings Peter to Christ (John 1:40-42).

Andrew's name appears in all the Apostolic lists in the New Testament, in Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:14-16; and Acts 1:13.

With Peter, James and John, Andrew asked the Lord to reveal the time of the Destruction of Jerusalem. (Mark 13:3)

It is Andrew that asks the Lord in John 6:8 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" After which the Lord multiplies the fish and loaves, and gives His great Bread of Life discourse.

Scripture is silent on the life and work of Andrew after Pentecost. Even in the time of Chrysostom Andrew's life after Pentecost was unknown. The tradition of the Church is that Andrew preached Christ in Greece (Scythia and Epirus), and was crucified on a *saltire* or "X" shaped cross. Both Patras and Achaia claim to be the site of his martyrdom. Since the 8th century Andrew has been seen as the Patron Saint of Scotland, which bases its flag on St. Andrew's Cross.

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