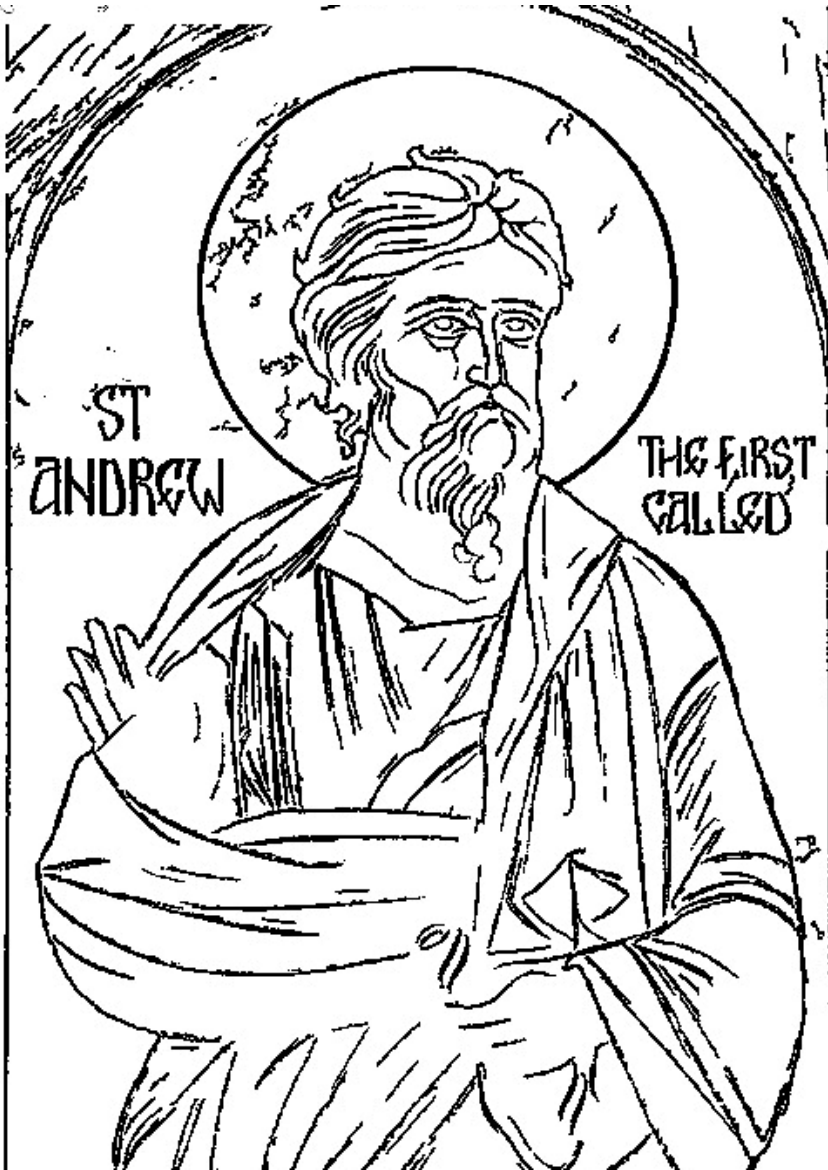


Saint Andrew, pray for us!



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# The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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## Be imitators of me!

**Have you ever had to follow an example?** Maybe when you were learning to read and write, you traced letters. Or when you wanted to learn how to draw something, you colored the pattern just the way they told you to. If you follow the pattern or example closely, your work will turn out just right.



In our Christian faith, we need examples too! Saint Paul is a wonderful example to us, and we can follow him to turn out to be great, strong, Christians. In today's epistle reading, Saint Paul tells his students in Corinth, "I urge you then, be imitators of me." Saint Paul knew that God had shown him the right way. Now, he wanted the Christians to imitate him so they would turn out right. He wanted the new Christians to follow his example.

Sometimes we might think we know a lot about our Church, especially when we answer all the questions right in Church School. But as Christians, we are really just beginners! We try to imitate Saint Paul and the saints so that we follow a good example and turn out right—with a good and holy Christian life.

So, let's always try to learn more about the saints so we can imitate them. You can read the Bible by yourself or with your parents. You can ask your teachers or your priest to tell you some good books so you can learn more about other saints too! Be imitators of them!

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

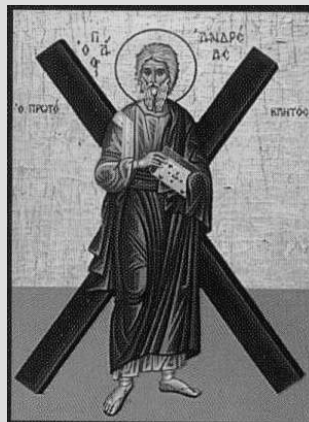
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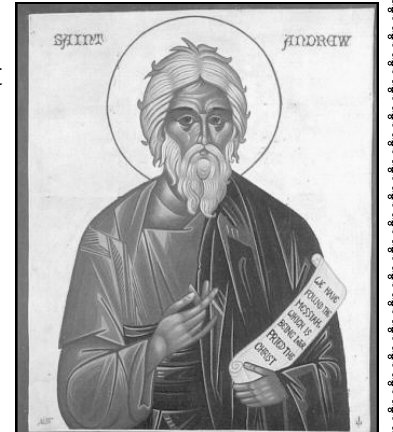
Here is an icon of Saint Andrew, the first disciple.

Do you see his cross?  
How is it different from the one our Lord was crucified on?



## ANOTHER KIND OF CROSS SAINT ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED

**We all know about the Cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ.** But did you know that many, many other people were crucified on crosses too? Today, we celebrate the feastday of Saint Andrew. Andrew was the first person Christ called to follow Him. He was Jesus's first disciple.



Saint Andrew did follow Christ, and he followed Him all his life. He even followed Christ so much that he got in trouble with the Roman authorities. These people did not want Christians to have any power or influence. So, they told Andrew that he would be crucified, too. Our saint said that he could not be crucified the same way as our Lord was, so he asked to be bound to an X-shaped cross instead. He followed Christ to the end, and he even follows Christ in heaven now!



You can see the cross of Saint Andrew in Patras, Greece.

Now, there is a beautiful church at the same spot where Saint Andrew was crucified. People even found the cross of Saint Andrew buried underground. You can visit this beautiful church and kiss the holy cross in Patras, Greece. You can ask Saint Andrew to pray for all of us!

**We remember St. Andrew today November 30th (OC: December 13th).**