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# The Service of Matins

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**Menaion - November 30**

**Memory of the Holy Apostle Andrew**

**Katavasias of Christmas I**

**Text in English**

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Memory of the Holy Apostle Andrew

**MATINS**

**CHOIR**

**Mode 4.**

God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. [SAAS]

**Verse 1:** *Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name.*

*or: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.*

**Verse 2:** *All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I defended myself against them.*

**Verse 3:** *And this came about from the Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes.*

**Apolytikion.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode 4.**

As first called of the Apostles and brother of Peter the Preeminent, O Andrew, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the whole world, and great mercy to our souls. [SD]

Glory. **Repeat.**

As first called of the Apostles and brother of Peter the Preeminent, O Andrew, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the whole world, and great mercy to our souls. [SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Both now. **Theotokion.**

**Mode 4.**

O Theotokos, through you became manifest to us on earth the mystery, which was hid from eternity, and which the Angels themselves knew not: that God, uniting natures without confusion, becomes a man

and accepts crucifixion for our salvation voluntarily. By virtue of this, resurrecting man whom He had first created, He saved our souls from death. [SD]

**PRIEST**

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

*(To You, O Lord.)*

For Yours is the dominion, and Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

*(Amen.)*

From Menaion - - -

**CHOIR**

**Kathisma I.**

**Mode 1. The soldiers keeping watch.**

With longing we extol you, O holy Disciple, \* for you indeed were first called of all Christ's Disciples, \* and faithfully cry to you, O Apostle Saint Andrew. \* Free the flock which God entrusted you from all danger \* and necessity and tribulation and scandal, \* and from every injury. [SD]

Glory. Both now.

**Theotokion. Same Melody.**

O Lady, now extend your all-pure hands with pity, \* providing us with help from your

own sanctuary. \* And grant us to live our life without danger or injury, \* as we glorify your Son, our all-holy Master, \* and as we ascribe to you our Mistress and Lady \* our hope and our pride and joy. [SD]

**Kathisma II.**

**Mode 3. *Your confession.***

Christ found you His first excellent mystic \* when you went to Him, O blessed Andrew; \* then as if flying you preached Him throughout the world, \* and you proclaimed His commandments emphatically, \* and you enlightened the Gentiles with knowledge of God. \* All-blessed Apostle, since He is God, \* entreat Him to bestow on us the great mercy.

[SD]

Glory. Both now.

**Theotokion. Same Melody.**

You in purity surpass the Angels; \* therefore you became the tabernacle \* of the Logos, O immaculate Mother of God. \* But as for me, I surpass every other man \* in the pollutions resulting from sins of the flesh. \* With the waters of your intercession wash away my filth, \* All-holy Maid, and grant to me the great mercy. [SD]

**Kathisma III.**

**Mode pl. 1. *Let us worship the Word.***

Let us all now extol the Apostle of the Lord \* as a preacher divine and eyewitness of the Word, \* and a spiritual fisher of the Gentiles indeed. \* It was he who guided us to the knowledge of Christ: \* the theologian Saint Andrew. \* And now unceasingly interceding, he entreats that our souls be saved. [SD]

Glory. Both now.

**Theotokion. Same Melody.**

O immaculate Virgin, in you we place our hope \* resolutely, O Maiden, for you protect us all. \* We entreat you to preserve us from any injury, \* from the various temptations, from danger and from harm, \* by your divine intercessions, \* joining the holy Apostles, for the salvation of all who sing your praise. [SD]

**DEACON**

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

*(To You, O Lord.)*

**PRIEST**

For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

*(Amen.)*

**CHOIR**

**Antiphon I.**

**Mode 4.**

Since my youth have many passions waged war against me. O my Savior, nonetheless help me and save me. (2) [SD]

You, the haters of Zion, be put to shame by the Lord, for like thatch in fire you will be completely dried up. (2) [SD]

Glory.

From the Holy Spirit every soul receives life, and through cleansing is lifted and brightened, in a hidden, sacred manner, by the trinal Monad. [SD]

Both now.

From the Holy Spirit do the streams of grace well forth; they irrigate everything created, so that life be engendered. [SD]

**Prokeimenon. Psalm 18.**

His proclamation went forth into all the earth, and his words to the ends of the world. (2)

**Verse:** *The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament shows the creation of His hands.*

His proclamation went forth into all the earth, and his words to the ends of the world. [SAAS]

**DEACON**

Let us pray to the Lord.  
(*Lord, have mercy.*)

**PRIEST**

For you are holy, our God, who rest among the Saints, and to you we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

**CHOIR**

Amen.

**Mode 2.**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. (2) Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. [SAAS]

**DEACON**

Let us pray to the Lord our God that we may be made worthy to hear the holy Gospel.

(*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*)

**DEACON**

Wisdom. Arise. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

**PRIEST**

Peace be with all.  
(*And with your spirit.*)

**PRIEST**

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**DEACON**

Let us be attentive.  
(*Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.*)

**PRIEST (from the gate)**

**Mt. 4:18-23**

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people. [RSV]

(*Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.*)

**READER**

**Psalm 50 (51).**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me. Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged. For behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me. Behold, You love truth; You showed me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow. You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise. Do good, O Lord,

in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built; then You will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. [SAAS]

From Menaion ---

**CHOIR**

Glory. **Mode 2.**

At the intercession of the Apostle, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offences. [SD]

Both now.

At the intercession of the Theotokos, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offences. [SD]

**Idiomelon. Mode 1.**

**Verse:** *Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression.* [SAAS]

Your first-called Disciple and imitator of Your Passion, Andrew the Apostle, became like You, O Lord. With the hook of Your Cross, he pulled up those who had strayed into the deep sea of ignorance, and He brought them to You. By his intercessions, O supremely good God, bring peace into our lives, and save our souls. [SD]

**DEACON**

O God, save your people and bless your inheritance. Look upon your world with mercy and compassion. Raise the Orthodox Christians in glory, and send down upon us your rich mercies, through the intercessions of our most pure Lady the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, the power of the precious and life giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless Powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable and glorious prophet, and forerunner John the Baptist, the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles, our

Fathers among the Saints, the great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom, Athanasios, Cyril, and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria; Nicholas, bishop of Myra, Spyridon, bishop of Trimythous, Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonder-workers; the holy, glorious great Martyrs George the Victorious, Demetrios the Myrobletes, Theodore the Teron, and Theodore the General, Menas the Wonderworker, the Hieromartyrs Haralambos and Eleftherios; the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs; the glorious great Martyr and all-laudable Euphemia; the holy and glorious Martyrs Thecla, Barbara, Anastasia, Katherine, Kyriake, Fotene, Marina, Paraskeve and Irene; of our holy God-bearing Fathers; (local patron saint); the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and the holy and glorious Apostle Andrew, the First-called, whose memory we celebrate; and of all your Saints. We beseech you, only merciful Lord, hear us sinners who pray to you and have mercy on us.

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy. (12)

**PRIEST**

Through the mercy, compassion, and love of mankind of your only-begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

From Menaion ---

**READER**

**Kontakion.**

**Mode pl. 2.** *The Theotokos, unsleeping.*

Let us extol the Redeemer's first called Disciple, the brother of Simon Peter, and theologian, Andrew, whose name denotes

manliness. For as of old to him, now to us he cries aloud, "Come, we have found Him for whom we have been waiting." [SD]

**Oikos.**

Long ago, David properly barred a sinner, like me, from speaking the statutes of God; however he again teaches us to be faithful, and with many tears he proclaims, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not become hard-hearted, like Israel once embittered Him." Hence he adds the following Psalm, "All the earth sing to the Lord; come, we have found Him for whom we have been waiting." [SD]

**Synaxarion.**

From the Menaion.

On November 30, we commemorate the holy, glorious, and all-lauded Apostle Andrew the First Called.

On this day we also commemorate our devout father Frumentius, Bishop of India.

By the intercessions of Your Saints, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

**CHOIR**

**Katavasias of Christmas I**

**Ode i. Mode 1.**

Christ is born; glorify Him! \* Christ is come from heaven; go and meet Him. \* Christ is on earth; arise to Him. \* Sing to the Lord, all you who dwell on the earth; \* and in merry spirits, O you peoples, praise His birth. \* For He is glorified. [SD]

**Ode iii.**

To the Son, begotten \* without flux, of the Father, before the ages, \* and who was lately made incarnate \* of the Virgin without seed; \* to Christ God now let us cry aloud: \* You have



exalted the horn of our strength. Only You are holy, O Lord. <sup>[SD]</sup>

**Ode iv.**

Jesse's root produced a branch, O Christ, \* and You its flower blossomed forth, \* from the Virgin who by Habakkuk prophetically once was called \* overshadowed, dense mountain. \* From her who knew not man You came incarnate, \* the immaterial God. \* Glory to Your power, O Lord. <sup>[SD]</sup>

**Ode v.**

God of peace and Father of mercies, Your Son \* You have sent unto us as Your messenger, \* the Angel of great counsel who is granting peace. \* Therefore having been guided to the light of godly knowledge, \* waking from the night to dawn, we sing Your glory, O Lover of man. <sup>[SD]</sup>

**Ode vi.**

Such as it received \* Jonah as an embryo, the sea beast disgorged him from its bowels intact. \* With the Virgin, though, when the Logos had dwelt in her taking on flesh, \* He came forth from her preserving her yet incorrupt. \* For from her no fluxion suffered He, \* and He kept her unaltered in childbirth. <sup>[SD]</sup>

**Ode vii.**

The Servants nurtured piously together, \* with contempt regarding the impious king's decree, \* intrepidly faced the threat of holocaust, \* and while standing in the midst of flames they chanted thus, \* saying: O God of the fathers, You are blessed. <sup>[SD]</sup>

**Ode viii.**

*We praise and we bless and we worship the Lord.*

Babylon's bedewing furnace bore the image \* of an extraordinary wonder. \* For it did not burn the youths it accepted, \* nor did the fire of Divinity consume the Virgin's womb wherein it went. \* So let us melodiously chant in praise: \* Let all creation bless and extol the Lord, \* and let it exalt Him supremely to the ages. <sup>[SD]</sup>

**DEACON**

Let us honor and magnify in song the Theotokos and the Mother of the light.

**CHOIR**

**Ode ix.**

**Megalynarion. Mode 1.**

**Verse:** *My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.* <sup>[NKJV]</sup>

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. <sup>[SD]</sup>

**Verse:** *For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.* <sup>[NKJV]</sup>

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. <sup>[SD]</sup>

**Verse:** *For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His*



mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

**Verse:** *He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

**Verse:** *He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

**Verse:** *He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

### Ode ix. Katavasia. Mode 1.

*O my soul, magnify her who is greater in honor and in glory than the armies of heaven.*

I see here a strange and paradoxical mystery. \* For, behold, the grotto is heaven; \* cherubic throne is the Virgin; \* the manger a grand space \* in which Christ our God the uncontainable reclined as a babe; \* Whom in extolling do we magnify. [SD]

### DEACON

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

*(To You, O Lord.)*

### PRIEST

For all the powers of heaven praise You and give You glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

*(Amen.)*

### CHOIR

#### Exaposteilarion.

From Menaion - - -

#### Mode 3. The Elder in the Temple.

The Logos unoriginate, \* finding you, O all-blessed, \* showed you to be the first called \* of all of the Apostles, \* O Andrew, most renowned to all. \* You followed in His footsteps, \* and therefore you were shown to be \* a faithful guide for the wayward, \*

leading them on a divine \* ascending path to heaven. [SD]

**Another.**

**Mode 2. O Women, hearken.**

Let us extol resplendently the eyewitness and minister \* of the Word and consanguine brother of Simon Peter, \* Apostle Andrew, who was first of the Disciples to be called; \* for he enlightened the Gentiles, \* and crucified was perfected, \* being the Master's Disciple. [SD]

**Theotokion.**

**Mode 2. O Women, hearken.**

O Virgin all-immaculate, entreat our God whom you have borne, \* together with the all-lauded Apostle on behalf of all \* who honor you, that we obtain your Son's divine enlightenment \* and stand with the chosen and holy. \* You are able to accomplish \* whatever you wish, O Lady. [SD]

**Lauds. Mode 1.**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all you His hosts. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars and light.

Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the Lord's name.

For He spoke, and they were made; He commanded, and they were created.

He established them forever and unto ages of ages; He set forth His ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you dragons and all the deeps.

Fire and hail, snow and ice, stormy wind, which perform His word.

Mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees and all cedars.

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds.

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth.

Young men and maidens, elders with younger, let them praise the Lord's name, for His name alone is exalted.

His thanksgiving is in earth and heaven. And He shall exalt the horn of His people.

A hymn for all His saints, for the children of Israel, a people who draw near to Him.

Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of His holy ones.

Let Israel be glad in Him who made him, and let the children of Zion greatly rejoice in their King.

Let them praise His name with dance; with tambourine and harp let them sing to Him.

For the Lord is pleased with His people, and He shall exalt the gentle with salvation.

The holy ones shall boast in glory, and they shall greatly rejoice on their beds.

The high praise of God shall be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand.

To deal retribution to the nations, reproving among the peoples.

To shackle their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron.

To fulfill among them the written judgment: this glory have all His holy ones.

Praise God in His saints; praise Him in the firmament of His power.

**Stichera. For the Apostle.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode 1. For the celestial orders.**

*Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness. [SAAS]*

Be now exultant, Bethsaida; in you have blossomed forth, \* as from a mystic meadow, two most sweet-scented lilies, \* Peter and Saint Andrew. Throughout the world \* they sent forth the most fragrant scent \* by their proclaiming the Faith, by the grace of Christ; \* and His Passion they did imitate. [SD]

*Praise Him with the sound of trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre. [SAAS]*

Exult, O Andrew, rejoicing, for you have clearly received \* the very Sun of glory in the light of the Logos, \* the Life-giver Christ. And as you persevered \* in the faith, you proclaimed His name. \* Cease not entreating Him earnestly on behalf \* of us all who praise you faithfully. [SD]

*Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and flute. [SAAS]*

Andrew saw God, as a mystic of the divine plan of Christ. \* He was the first one chosen to become a disciple \* of the Logos, and as the Scripture relates, \* he found his brother and said to him, \* "We now have found the Messiah who was foretold \* in the Prophets and in Holy Writ." [SD]

*Praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise Him with triumphant cymbals; let everything that breathes praise the Lord. [SAAS]*

The fairest City of Patras has found a Pastor in you \* and her own holy champion, \* who protects and delivers \* her from every danger, O Andrew most wise, \* and she

gratefully honors you. \* Cease not entreating the Master on her behalf \* that she ever be preserved unharmed. [SD]

Glory.

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 4.**

Let us extol that preacher of the Faith and minister of the Word, Saint Andrew the Apostle. He fishes human beings out of the depths, holding the Cross instead of a pole, and letting down its power instead of a line. And he retrieves souls from the error of the foe, and he offers them to God as an acceptable gift. O believers, let us ever extol him, and the entire chorus of Disciples of Christ, so that he will intercede with the Lord to be merciful towards us on Judgment Day.

[SD]

Both now. **For the Forefeast.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 4.**

O Bethlehem, welcome the Mother-city of God. For she is coming to give birth to the never-setting light. Angels in heaven, marvel; people on earth, give glory. Magi from Persia, bring your triply precious gift. Shepherds in the field, sing the Thrice-holy hymn. Let everything that breathes praise the Lord who does all things. [SD]

**Great Doxology**

Glory be to You who showed the light. Glory in the highest to God. His peace is on earth, His good pleasure in mankind. [SD]

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

Lord King, heavenly God, Father, Ruler over all; Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and You, O Holy Spirit.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, You who take away the sins of the world.

Accept our supplication, You who sit at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day I will bless You, and Your name will I praise to eternity, and to the ages of ages.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day, that we be kept without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages. Amen.

Let Your mercy be on us, O Lord, as we have set our hope on You.

Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

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Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: Lord, have mercy on me. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Lord, I have fled to You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light.

Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

### **Apolytikion.**

From Menaion - - -

### **Mode 4.**

As first called of the Apostles and brother of Peter the Preeminent, O Andrew, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the whole world, and great mercy to our souls. [SD]