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Prophet Hosea / Monastic Martyr Andrew of Crete October 17, 2021

Troparion – Tone 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Troparion – Tone 2

We celebrate the memory of Thy prophet Hosea, O Lord; through him we beseech Thee:// “Save our souls!”

Troparion – Tone 4

Trained in asceticism on the mountain, with the weapon of the Cross thou didst destroy the spiritual assaults of the hostile powers, O all-blessed one. Again thou didst bravely prepare for combat and didst slay Copronymus with the sword of faith;// for both struggles thou hast been crowned by God, monk-martyr Andrew of eternal memory.

Kontakion – Tone 8

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,// and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Kontakion – Tone 4

Illumined by the Spirit, thy heart was a vessel of illustrious prophecy, seeing far-off things as though they were present.// Therefore, we venerate thee, glorious prophet Hosea.

Kontakion – Tone 3

Today the Queen of cities celebrates the radiant feast of thy light-bearing memory, and invites every city and country to join her. She rejoices for she has gained a great treasure:// thy body which sustained many struggles, martyr Andrew, beacon of Orthodoxy.

Prokeimenon – Tone 7

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God!

V. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

Prophet Hosea

The Holy Prophet Hosea, the first of the minor prophets, belonged to the tribe of Issachar. He lived during the ninth Century before Christ, in the kingdom of Israel. He was a contemporary of the holy Prophets Isaiah, Micah and Amos. During this time, many of his fellow Israelites had forgotten the true God, and worshipped idols. The holy Prophet Hosea attempted to turn

them again to the faith of their Fathers by his wise counsels. Denouncing the iniquities of the people of Israel (i.e. the northern kingdom Israel), the prophet proclaimed to them great misfortunes from a foreign people and their removal into captivity by Assyria.

Almost a thousand years before the coming of the Savior, and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the prophet foretold the end of sacrificial offerings and of the priesthood of Aaron (Hos. 3:4-5), and that the knowledge of the True God would spread through all the earth (Hos. 2:20-23). Hosea spoke also about Christ, how He would return from out of Egypt (Hos. 11:1; compare Mt. 2:15), that He would be resurrected on the third day (Hos. 6 and especially Hos.6:2; compare with 1 Cor.15:4), and that He would conquer death (Hos.13-14. Compare 1 Cor.15:54-55).

The prophesies of Saint Hosea are included in the book that bears his name. The prophetic service of Saint Hosea continued for more than sixty years. The God-inspired prophet died in deep old age, having devoted all his life to fulfilling the Will of God.

Monastic Martyr Andrew of Crete

The Hieromartyr Andrew of Crete lived during the reign of the iconoclast emperor Constantine Kopronymos (741-775), who ordered Christians, under penalty of death, to remove the holy icons from their churches and homes. Believers, who fearlessly resisted the impious iconoclast, and held firmly to the traditions of the holy Fathers, were locked in prison. When the venerable Andrew heard that the emperor was throwing virtuous and pious Christians into prison instead of thieves and robbers, he went to the Church of the Great Martyr Mamas (September 2) in Constantinople and in front of everyone, denounced the heretic for persecuting the true Faith.

In an attempt to justify himself the emperor said that it was folly to bestow veneration on wood and paint. To this the monk replied that whoever suffers for holy icons suffers for Christ, but whoever reviles the icon upon which Christ is depicted, offers insult to Christ Himself. The enraged iconoclast gave orders to torture Saint Andrew without mercy.

As he was being dragged through the streets to the place of execution, someone cut off the saint's feet. As a result, Saint Andrew was freed from his torments by death. A hundred years later a Canon was written to the saint by Saint Joseph the Hymnographer (April 4). The saint heals those afflicted with seizures.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

Service Schedule for the week of October 17

Today – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Saturday October 23 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday October 24 – 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Weekly Giving

October 10 – 41 adults, 14 youth, \$2,393

Parish Announcements

Visitors and parishioners – please join us for Coffee Hour next door in Daria Hall.

Father Volodymyr, Matushka Oksana, and the children will be returning this Friday October 22. Father Paul Kucynda is serving Divine Liturgy today – no Vespers will be served Saturday October 16. If you are in need of a priest, you may contact Father Volodymyr on his cell phone or call Father Kucynda – 973-818-4457. We thank Father Kucynda for serving in our parish and hope to see him again soon!

There will be a FOCA Club meeting today during Coffee Hour.

The FOCA Club will have a to-go soup sale on Sunday November 7. Containers will be \$4 each, or 3 for \$10. Weather permitting the soup will be sold outside of the church after Divine Liturgy. Otherwise the soup will be sold in Daria Hall during Coffee Hour.

TURKEY SOCIAL (BINGO): This annual church fundraiser will be held in Daria Hall on Sunday November 14 after Divine Liturgy. Packets of paper cards for all games and specials will be sold for \$10, as we did in the summer at the picnic grounds. Bring dabbers or crayons to mark your cards each game. Food will be served – volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen. Donations of \$25 gift cards for Target, Walmart, and Amazon, or monetary donations are needed for the game prizes. Please let Nina Laushell know if you will donate a gift card or if you are able to help that day. If anyone would like to sponsor a Thanksgiving basket or Christmas basket for game specials, please let Nina know.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE – Coffee Hour Preparation Instructions are available in the Daria Hall kitchen

Oct. 17 Chris Kasmer
Oct. 24 Alex Godun
Oct. 31 Paula Koerte
Nov. 7 Alex & Brittani Brasowski
Nov. 14 *TURKEY SOCIAL – NO COFFEE HOUR*
Nov. 21 **FAST DAY** Germain & Tahara Ortiz
Nov. 28 **FAST DAY** Darice Keyes
Dec. 5 **FAST DAY** Lynne Sheedy
Dec. 12 **FAST DAY** Blake & Jessica Kilgore
Dec. 19 **FAST DAY** Sunday School Children
Dec. 26 Phyllis Eck
Jan. 2 Sophie Dumas
Jan. 9 Aftan Chowansky
Jan. 16 Dottie Kish & Philip Moldovan
Jan. 23 Walter & Marie Pyl
Jan. 30 Francine Brady & Herman Meyer
Feb. 6 Anna & Leon Brasowski

Please see a member of the FOCA Club if you are interested in purchasing a mural block (Daria Hall); funds will be used for Daria Hall improvements. Donors will have a brass nameplate added to the commemoration boards on the sides of the mural – either “Donated By” or “In Memory Of”, with the names inscribed as designated by the donor.