



Introduction to class

Explain the class structure

- 1: Lords Prayer English & Greek
- 2: Gospel Reading, discussion and explanation
- 3: Story about a Saint
- 4: Info on the Ecumenical Council of the week
- 5: History of a Saint
- 6: Read the Creed until learned by memory Greek & English
- 7: Answer Questions in Class

Hello Excited to have you in my class

About me a little

Family, Church, School, Work,

Ya'll are very important to me

Introduce you to me

Come to Church Every Sunday

The Clergy and edicate→ stand when entering the room.

How to ask for the Clergys Blessing

Make your Cross correctly

Ask who wants to read the Gospel

Ask questions about Gospel then explain it to the students

The Gospel for 09-25-2022

Luke 5:1-11 New King James Version

Four Fishermen Called as Disciples

1 So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the **Lake of Gennesaret**,
Symbolizes the world

2 and saw **two boats** standing by the **lake**, but the **fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets**.

The 2 boats are the old and new Testaments of the Bible. By the lake is like they are on the outskirts of the world. The fishermen are the priest bringing the people to God but are done because they do not know what to do.

3 Then, He got into **one of the boats**, which was **Simon's**, and asked him to put out a **little from the land**. And He sat down and **taught the multitudes from the boat**.

Jesus got into the boat pulling out the new testament from his all-knowing self and told the Apostles to go into the world a little way. He did not tell them to go out to all the world like in the Gospel of John, but a little and taught from the new testament how to bring people closer to God "catch men."

4 When He had **stopped speaking**, He said to Simon, "**Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch**."

He stopped speaking to test the Apostles on what they learned to see what they could catch. He told them Go into the deep, which is the world, by themselves and see what they can catch using what He taught and the scriptures, which are the nets.

5 **But** Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, **we have toiled all night and caught nothing**; nevertheless, **at Your word I will** let down the net."

Peter doubted what Jesus said from his experience and his mind, but he did the will of Christ through his faith in Jesus.

6 And when they had done this, they **caught a great number of fish**, and **their net was breaking**.

Catching a great number of fish showed them thru Christ, they could catch many people “**fish**,” but the breaking of the net indicates that now, unlike in the Gospel of John, because of their lack of faith and training in Christ, they will not be able to keep all the people “**fish**” that comes “**catch**” to Christ thru them.

7 So they **signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them**. And they **came and filled both the boats**, so that they **began to sink**.

Through the teachings of Christ, they ordained Bishops, Priests, and Deacons to help spread the word of Christ through Holy traditions and the Bible because they could not do it by themselves.

8 When Simon **Peter** saw *it*, he **fell down at Jesus’ knees**, saying, “**Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!**”

When Peter saw the miracle that happened, he knew it was all possible through Jesus, and he realized his sinful self. He stated that Jesus was Lord confessing his Holiness and asked him to leave, showing he was not worthy to be near him because of his sinfulness.

9 For he and all who were with him were **astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken;**

10 and so also *were James and John*, the sons of Zebedee, who were **partners with Simon**. And Jesus said to Simon, “**Do not be afraid**. From now on **you will catch men**.”

All were amazed by the miracle of catching the fish. And Christ shows us through this example what will be happening in the future. The Bishops above Peter, James, and John of the Church will be catching men instead of fish through the teaching of the Holy traditions of the Church and the Bible.

11 So when they had **brought their boats to land**, they **forsook all and followed Him**.

Through their experience with Christ, the miracle they saw, and the message they learned, the fisherman gave up everything they owned and worked for their entire life and followed Christ.

It is not stated in the Gospel of Luke when the four fishermen were called but It is understood that St Andrew Peters brother was the other fisherman.

Saint Andrew was the first Apostle to follow Christ

Nov. 30th

When Saint John the forerunner began to preach, Andrew became his closest disciple.

St John Baptist sent Andrew and John, known now as the "St John the Theologian," to declare that Christ was the lamb of God.

From his youth, St Andrew turned to God and dedicated his life to God; and did not even get married. He worked with his brother as a fisherman until he was called by Christ.

St Andrew brought his brother, Apostle Peter, to Christ as well.

After Christ's resurrection Saint Andrew preached along a route up to modern-day Kyiv in Russia and Ukraine. This is why today he is still a big Saint in the Churches and has a special recognition. When he arrived there, he said, see these hills; here there will be great cities, and on them, God shall raise up many churches. Then he blessed them, set up a cross, and continued his journey north toward Rome. Then back down to Trace (a city) in the small area of Byzantium where Constantinople was eventually established. This is where he founded the church of Christ.

This is how **Constantinople connected with Russia** before it became part of the **Orthodox Church Church**.

On his journey, he **endured many afflictions** from the **pagans when trying to set up churches and teach about Christ**.

The **pagans would throw rocks** at the Apostle, and he would stay unharmed from the **prayers to Christ**, and through him, **Christ worked many miracles**.

Through the labors of the Apostle Andrew, **many Christian churches were established**, and he provided **bishops**.

He finally ended up in the **city of Patra**, where he eventually **suffered martyrdom on a cross**. While in Patra, he **healed the sick and suffering through prayer and converted many to Orthodoxy**.

After preaching in Patra, **nearly the entire city was converted to Christianity**. Few pagans remained, but **one pagan was Ageotos**, who **ordered** Saint Andrew to be **crucified**, not by nailing him to the Cross but **by hanging him on the Cross using ropes to suffer longer before death**.

Saint Andrew **excepted the Cross with joy and prayer to the Lord and went willingly** to the Cross to die.

For two days, St Andrew **continue to teach while hanging on the Cross**, and the people converted to Christianity and began to try to take him down.

Fearing the crowd, Ageotos **ordered Saint Andrew to be taken down** and stop the execution, but Saint Andrew **prayed to the Lord to grant him death on the Cross**.

Just as the guards attempted to take St Andrew down, **a light appeared around him**. When the light faded, the holy Apostle had already given his soul to the Lord.

Then the Ageotos's wife **buried the saint with honor**.

When **Constantine the Great** came to power, he **dug his body up and had it moved to Constantinople**.
Intro to the Ecumenical Councils

In the history of Christianity, the **first seven ecumenical councils** include the following:

1	the First Council of Nicaea in 325
2	the First Council of Constantinople in 381
3	the Council of Ephesus in 431
4	the Council of Chalcedon in 451
5	the Second Council of Constantinople in 553
6	the Third Council of Constantinople from 680–681
	Quinisext Council of Trullo held in 692 (<i>not new but a continuation of 5th and 6th</i>)
7	the Second Council of Nicaea in 787

All of the seven councils were convened in Constantinople. (*modern-day Turkey*)

These seven events represented an attempt by **Church leaders** to reach an orthodox consensus, **restore peace and develop a unified Christendom**

1	<u>First Council of Nicaea in 325</u>
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	Began 325 (May 20-June 19) Emperor Constantine I started it, Bishop Hosius of Corduba & Constantine the Great were the presidents There were 318 Bishops that attended.
	Emperor Constantine convened this council to settle a controversial issue, the relation between Jesus Christ and God the Father known as Arianism , the nature of Christ * Ordination of eunuchs * Prohibition of kneeling on Sundays and from Easter to Pentecost * Validity of baptism by heretics * Lapsed Christians
	The council drew up a creed, the original Nicene Creed , which received nearly unanimous support . The council's description of "God's only-begotten Son", Jesus Christ , as of the same substance with God the Father became a touchstone of Christian Trinitarianism .
	The council also addressed the issue of dating Celebration of Passover (Easter).

Saints Holy People Bishops

Holy Light, divine light,

Examples of the light

Has anyone seen it?

Miracles in Christ

Talk about Bishops Priest and Deacons

Talk about baptism

Talk about Bishops responsibility

Say The Creed as an exiting prayer with the class Eng & Greek