

## The Feast of St Andrew the Apostle in Birmingham



The feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle, the First-Called, was celebrated with solemnity at the Cathedral Church dedicated to his name in Birmingham.

On the eve of the feast, His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira and Great Britain presided at Great Vespers, joined by His Grace Bishop Maximos of Melitene and clergy from the local area. During the service, the Blessing of the Loaves (Artoklasia) was offered, and His Eminence delivered a sermon on the spiritual significance of the feast and the calling of the First-Called Apostle. Before the conclusion of the service, His Eminence elevated a young man to the rank of reader.

On the feast day, His Eminence celebrated the Divine Liturgy, joined by His Grace Bishop Maximos, the V. Revd Archimandrite Christodoulos Kokliotis, Priest in charge, and a number of clergy. Following the Blessing of the Loaves, performed by His Grace, His Eminence elevated another reader who will serve at the lectern of the Greek Orthodox Community in Nottingham.

Following both the Vespers and the Divine Liturgy, the hospitable community of St. Nicholas Church expressed their warm welcome and appreciation of His Eminence.



















































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