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## The Feast of the Apostle Andrew the First-Called



By the grace of God, this year again, believers and catechumens had the extraordinary blessing to participate in the All-Night Vigil in honor of the holy and glorious Apostle Andrew the First-Called at the monastery of St. Andrew in Yangu. The Vigil was presided over by Metropolitan Ambrosios of Korea and Exarch of Japan with co-celebrants Fr. Roman Kavchak, Fr. Jeremy Cho, and Fr. Antonios Lim.

As every year, the feast of St. Andrew was held from Friday (1/12) to Saturday (2/12), because only then it is possible for the employees to participate.

Because this year the feast of St. Porphyrios of Kafsokalyvia coincided with the feast of St. Andrew on Saturday, therefore, the two great saints were celebrated together.

The service included the Holy Vespers with Artoklasia, Litany, and Sermon by the Metropolitan on the theme: "Prayer according to the teachings of St. Porphyrios", the Jesus Prayer, Orthros, and Divine Liturgy.

After the Vigil, everyone attended the monastic love feast.

On Saturday at 9 am the First Hour was read in the church during which the Metropolitan continued the teaching on prayer according to St. Porphyrios.



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