



## Divine Liturgy celebrated on the feast day of Saint Andrew the First-Called for the Russian-speaking faithful living in Ankara.



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On 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025 on the feast day of Saint Andrew the First-Called, Father Georgy Sergeyev, entrusted with the pastoral care of the faithful of the Moscow Patriarchate living in Turkey, celebrated the Divine Liturgy for the Russian-speaking faithful living in Ankara. Most of those present at the service received Holy Communion.

At the conclusion of the service Father Georgy delivered a homily in which he set forth the patristic interpretation on the Gospel reading for that day.

As reported by the Telegram channel of the communities of the Russian Orthodox Church in Turkey, after the Liturgy a short memorial service was held for the Russian ambassador in Ankara from 2013 to 2016, who had been murdered by terrorists, Hero of Russia Andrei Gennadievich Karlov, whose heavenly patron is Saint Andrew the First-Called Apostle.

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