

## June 30

A. ✙. *Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Glorious and All-praised Apostles (Peter, Andrew, James the son of Zebedee, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alpheus, Jude the son of James [Thaddeus], Simon and Matthias).*



Celebrating each of 12 apostles separately in its time, the Orthodox Church established commemorating all of them together on one day, calling this day a Synaxis, from the most ancient times.

### *Kontakion, tone 2*

**Today the rock of Christ brightly glorifies both the rock of faith,  
The highest ranked of the disciples,  
And with Paul the whole assembly of the twelve:  
Faithfully celebrating their memory:  
Let us glorify the One Who glorified them.**

### *Martyr Michael*

An Athenian by birth and a gardener by occupation, according to a false accusation of delivery of gunpowder to robbers and non-acceptance of Islam after torture, the Turks executed him by the sword in Athens in 1770.

### *Murder of the Right-believing Prince Andrew Bogoliubsky*

The son of the Great Prince Yuri [George] Dolgoruky, he was the first great Russian prince. His initial destination was Vyshgorod, from where he then crossed over to Vladimir on the Klyazma, where he also established his grand-prince throne. Having strengthened the fortress of his capital city, St. Andrew constructed the magnificent Dormition Church in it and placed a wonderworking icon of the Mother of God in it (Refer to May 21 and June 18). According to the chronicler, he "adorned it wondrously with many different icons with expensive stones without number and to gild the church vessels and dome. According to that same faith and his care for the Holy Theotokos he brought masters from all lands to adorn it better than all the other churches". Besides this he "adorned other churches, founded many monasteries, and was the feeder of monks, nuns and the poor". Being an adherent of strict truth and himself leading a sober, pure and active life, he rewarded the good according to merit, but prosecuted vices and crimes with all legal strictness. For his love for the truth he accepted a suffering death, being traitorously killed by his confidants on June 30, 1174 in the village of Bogoliubovo. His local commemoration began immediately after his burial, subsequently was stopped, then again restored in 1702 when his holy relics were found incorrupt. They repose openly in the Vladimir Cathedral.

*S. V. Bulgakov, **Handbook for Church Servers**, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900), p 0223.  
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