

THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS TWELVE APOSTLES

These Apostles are Apostles of Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity / Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ. All the original Holy and Glorious Twelve Apostles are honored by name in the Gospel.

“The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first Simeon called Peter and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon the Cananean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.” (Mt. 10:2-4)

- *Saint Andrew the First-Called* - Saint Andrew was the first called Apostle. Saint Andrew is the brother of St. Peter. They were the sons of Jonas.
- *Saint Bartholomew, or Nathanael, the Apostle* - Saint Bartholomew was born in Cana of Galilee.
- *Holy Apostle James, Brother of John the Evangelist* - Saint James is the brother of Saint John. They are the sons of Zebedee.
- *Saint James, the Brother of the Lord* - Saint James was the first Bishop of Jerusalem and he wrote an Epistle. Saint James is the son of Cleopas / Clopas / Alpheus, a brother of Saint Joseph, the step-father of Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity / Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, and Mary, a first cousin of The Theotokos. His blood brothers are Saint Simon the Apostle and Saint Jude, or Thaddeus, the Apostle.
- *Saint John the Theologian and Evangelist* - Saint John wrote one of the four Gospels. Also, he wrote three epistle, and the Book of Revelations. He was a favorite Apostle and the brother of Saint James the Great. They are the sons of Zebedee.
- *Saint Jude, or Thaddeus, the Apostle* - Saint Jude wrote an Epistle. Saint Jude is the son of Cleopas / Clopas / Alpheus, a brother of Saint Joseph, the step-father of Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity / Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, and Mary, a first cousin of The Theotokos. His blood brothers are Saint James, the Brother of the Lord, and Saint Simon the Apostle.
- *Saint Matthew the Evangelist* - Saint Matthew wrote one of the four Gospels. Saint Matthew, also called Levi, was the Publican or tax-collector, who invited Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity / Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ to dinner.
- *Saint Peter, the Holy, Glorious and Illustrious Prince of the Apostles* - Saint Peter was the first Bishop of Antioch (first Melkite Patriarch) and the first Pope. St. Peter is the brother of Saint Andrew the First-Called. They are the sons of Jonas.
- *Saint Philip the Apostle* - Saint Philip was born in Bethsaida on the shore of the Lake of Tiberias as was Saint Peter and Saint Andrew.
- *Saint Simon the Zealot* - Saint Simon is the son of Cleopas / Clopas / Alpheus, a brother of Saint Joseph, the step-father of Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity / Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, and Mary, a first cousin of The Theotokos. His blood brothers are Saint James, the Brother of the Lord, and Saint Jude the Apostle.
- *Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas* - Saint Thomas was late for Christ's appearance to the apostles after his resurrection and for the gathering of the apostles just prior to the death of The Theotokos.