



Saint Andrew

Andrew, the first of the apostles, is the brother of Peter. He is said to have founded the church in Russia. He is the Patron saint of both Russia and Scotland.

Tradition holds that Andrew was crucified in Greece on a cross saltire.

According to legend St. Andrew's Cross is that shape because Andrew petitioned the Roman authorities who had sentenced him to death to not crucify him on the same Latin shape cross used for Christ's crucifixion. He was bound, not nailed, to the X-shaped cross in order to prolong his sufferings. He preached from the cross for two days, and died on the third day.

St. Andrew's Feast Day is November 30.