

Happy Name Day Andrew,

Today is your and your father's Name Day. We thank God for blessing our lives with both of you.

November 30 is the Feast Day of Saint Andrew the Apostle, who lived over two thousand years ago. We know about Saint Andrew because we read the Bible, which contains some information about him.

We have told you about Saint Andrew in the previous emails that we have sent you since 2007, the year that you were separated from your father.

In this email we want to tell you a story about why you and your father both have the name "Andrew". Your Great-great Grandpa was named Andrew Kerkes. He was born in 1880 in a country called Slovakia, which is in Europe, far, far away from America. In 1900 he traveled by ship for many days across the Atlantic Ocean to live in the United States. In 1906 he had a son whom he named "Andrew".

When your Grandpa Richardson was born, he had both a grandpa and an uncle named "Andrew". He loved them both. So when your father was born, we decided to honor and remember both of these men by naming him "Andrew" after them.

Your father never met his Great-grandfather Andrew because he died in 1944. Your father only knew about him because we had a picture of him hanging on the wall in our house where your father lived when he was a child, and your Grandpa Richardson would tell your father stories about his Great-grandfather Andrew. Your father did know and spend time with his Great-uncle Andrew before he died in 1995. When you were born, your father chose to name you "Andrew" to honor and remember both of these men.

We ask Saint Andrew to pray for you and your father this day and to pray that you will soon be reunited with your father.

Grandpa and Grandma Richardson