

Venerable
Andrey
Sheptytsky

Праведний
Андрей
Шептицький





Today's coloring page is a picture of Venerable Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky. He was born in 1865 in Prylbychi, a small village near the great city of Lviv. Can you find Ukraine on a map? You will see the city of Lviv is in western Ukraine. His parents named him Roman. Even though his mother and father adopted Polish culture and ethnicity, young Roman knew he was also Ukrainian and had many Ukrainian ancestors. He loved Ukraine and the Ukrainian Catholic Church. His family was famous and had lots of money but he loved and served the poor people of his country.

In 1891 he joined the order of Saint Basil the Great and took the name Andrey or Andrew in honor of St. Andrew the Apostle. He became a priest, a bishop and finally a Metropolitan archbishop. In that position, he was head of the whole Ukrainian Catholic Church and even visited the United States, Canada and South America.

Venerable Andrey led the Ukrainian Catholic Church through two world wars always standing up against unjust governments, like the Nazi government in Germany and the Atheist Communists of the Soviet Union. Several times he was even arrested. When the Nazis started to arrest and kill the Jewish people, Sheptytsky hid many Jewish people so the Nazis couldn't find them and kill them. He also asked everyone else to help hide them in churches, monasteries and in people's homes. He saved many lives, including many children.

Since he died on November 1, 1944, November is a great month to think about the life of Andrey Sheptytsky, a life full of love for God, love for the Church, love for his country and love for his neighbor. We should try to imitate him in all these things and always show God that we love Him by loving and helping our neighbor.

INTERESTING THINGS IN THE PICTURE

Klobuk — That is the name for this “hat” that bishops and monks can wear on their heads. Bishops and monks wear black ones. Metropolitan Archbishops wear a white klobuk. We don't see that too often in the United States. Too bad—it is very cool!

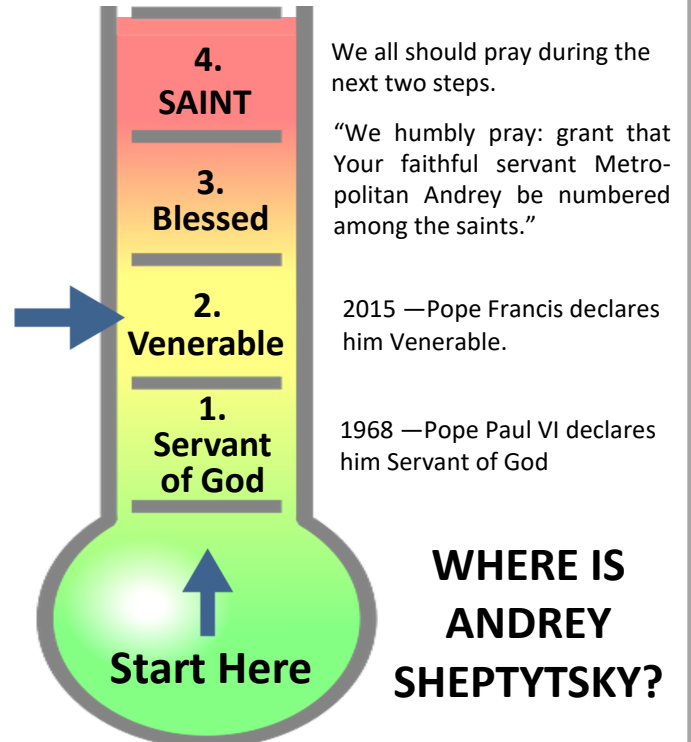
Pectoral Cross—A cross worn on a cord around the neck and hanging over the chest worn by Bishops and priests.

Panagia—A medallion with an icon of the Mother of God in the center and worn on a cord around the neck by a bishop.

Prayer Rope or Chotki—Seen in the lower right of the picture, it is used to count your prayers to help you learn to pray all the time. On each knot you say, “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, be merciful to me, a sinner. We can try saying that prayer as often as we can throughout the day.

Walking Stick—Yup, it's just a walking stick.

4 STEPS TO BECOMING A SAINT



WHERE IS ANDREY SHEPTYTSKY?