

St Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church

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THE HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST MATTHEW

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN PL 1ST MODE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST IN MODE THREE

"Thy confession"

Thou hast heard the divine * voice of the Word * and hast shown forth * the light of the Faith * when thou forsookest the bonds of the toll-house; * wherefore thou hast proclaimed as the Gospel * the ineffable emptying of Christ, * O apostle Matthew. * So now intercede for those who honour thee * that He grant propitiation of failings and the great mercy.

- *Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*

KONTAKION OF THE ENTRANCE MODE FOUR

"Thou who wast raised up"

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Saviour's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit, her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

THE EPISTLE

His voice has gone out into all the earth. VS: The heavens declare the glory of God.

In the chanting of Holy God, we will observe the following order of languages: English, Arabic, Greek. Therefore, we sing: Holy God..., then Quduson Illah..., and then Aghios o Theos...

The Reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (4:5-11, 14-18)

Brethren, walk in wisdom with them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord: Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts; with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here. Aristarchus my fellow prisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, nephew to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;) and Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellow workers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me. Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you. Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house. And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfill it. The salutation by the hand of me, Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:9-13)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and He said to him, "Follow Me." And he rose and followed Him. And as He sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when Jesus heard it, He said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

KOINONIKON for the Apostle

His sound hath gone forth unto all the earth and his words unto the ends of the world. Alleluia.

***** *Announcements for the Week of November 16th* *****

- ❖ **Fasting days:** The Nativity Fast began last Friday, November 15. We allow for fish, wine, and oil, except on Wednesdays and Fridays (which are always lenten), up through December 19; then lenten fast from Dec 20 through 24.
- ❖ **DAILY MATINS every day, except Thursday, Nov 15 through Jan 14.**
- ❖ **TODAY, Home Search Committee Meeting,** after agape meal.
- ❖ **Parish study RESUMES on Tuesday, December 2nd.** Our theme: "How to get into the Kingdom of Heaven" We will spend three weeks in December on this theme.
- ❖ **THIS COMING FRIDAY: Great Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos.**
Vigil on Thursday eve, 6 PM; Divine Liturgy on Friday morning, 6 AM.