

Saintly Notes

Apostle Matthias (August 9)

Matthias was born in Bethlehem of the tribe of Judah. He studied with St. Simeon the "Receiver of God" in Jerusalem. When the Lord went out to preach about the Kingdom of God Matthias then joined the others who loved the Lord, for he himself loved Him with all his heart and with delight did he hear His words and witnessed His works.

In the beginning, Matthias was numbered among the Seventy Lesser Disciples of Christ but following the resurrection of the Lord, since the place of Judas was vacated, the apostles, by drawing lots, chose this Matthias in place of Judas as one of the Twelve Great Apostles. "And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus and Matthias. And they prayed and said: 'You Lord, who knows the hearts of all men, show which of these two You have chosen, that he may take part of this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell that he might go to his own place' " (Acts 1:23-26).

Receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, Matthias set out to preach the Gospel, first of all in Judea and after that in Ethiopia where he endured great tortures for the sake of Christ. It is held that he preached throughout Macedonia where they wanted to blind him but he became invisible to his torturers and thus escaped danger. Being in prison, the Lord appeared to him, encouraged him and freed him.

Finally, he returned again to his work in Judea. There he was accused and brought to court before the high priest Ananias before whom he fearlessly witnessed for Christ. Ananias, the same Ananias, who before that, slew the Apostle James, condemned Matthias to death. They led Matthias out, stoned him to death and, after that, decapitated him with an axe (this was the Roman manner of killing a person who was sentenced to death and the hypocritical Jews applied this method on the dead man so as to show the Romans that the slain person was an enemy of Rome). Thus, this great apostle of Christ died and took up habitation in the eternal joy of his Lord.

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The Saints Whom We Remember Today

Apostle Matthias;

Translation of the relics of Venerable Herman of Alaska, wonderworker of America

This Week's Schedule

Today: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy
Monday: **Church Office Closed:** 6:30p Paraklesis
Tuesday: 6:30p Paraklesis
Wednesday: 9:15a 3rd Hour Prayers; 6:30p Vespers/Paraklesis
Thursday: 6:30p Paraklesis
Friday: 6:30p Great Vespers/Lamentations
Saturday: 10:00a Div. Lit. for Dormition; 5:30p Great Vespers
Sunday: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

First Antiphon

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, *Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor*, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Third Antiphon

Tone 7

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long.

(Troparion for the Transfiguration)

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O God Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship . . . Alleluia.

Troparion

for the Resurrection—Tone 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion

for Transfiguration—Tone 7

See above.

Troparion

of All Saints—Tone 4

As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion

for Transfiguration—Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

The Trisagion

Holy God . . . Alleluia.

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: 1 Cor. 4:9–16

Gospel: Matt. 17:14–23

Alegalynarion

Tone 7

It is truly meet . . .

Communion Hymn

Tone 8

Praise the Lord . . . Alleluia.

Post-Communion Hymn

Tone 2

We have seen the true light . . .

Parish Notes

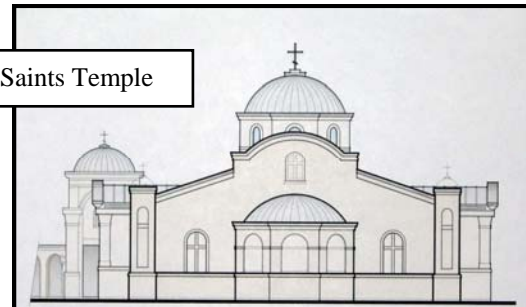
Altar Servers Today

Matthew Wynne, Del Dillard, Noah Keim, Micah Keim, Johannes Kibret, Nicholas Kliever, Roger Jones.

Special Attention

- **Vacation Worship.** Remember that vacation time is not a time to avoid worship. Fr. Nicholas can give you a list of churches in the area where you will be vacationing. If you cannot get to a church, do morning prayers together with your spouse or family, and don't forget to pray before meals. If you will be gone for an extended period of time, mailing envelopes for your financial worship of God are also available on the narthex table.
- **Women's Bible Study.** August 22, 9-11 am in the parish hall. All women invited. Please bring your Orthodox Study Bible and a breakfast/brunch dish to share. Contact Kh. Barbara if you have any questions.
- **Building Project 2009.** Keep your eyes and ears open for continuing information on our new temple and education wing.

New All Saints Temple



Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenion:

Make vows to the Lord thy God and perform them.

In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

†Epistle: 1 Cor. 3:9–17 (RSV)

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

†Gospel: Matt. 14:22–34 (RSV)

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the

mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

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