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Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



November 16, 2014

The Comemmoration of the Apostle Matthew the Evangelist

Plagal Tone 2 ~ Eothinon: 1 ~ Ps. 109:8

CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST! HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!

Holy Communion is only open to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession. If you are not in good standing with the Church or are not an Orthodox Christian please do not be offended by this. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the antidoron at the end of the Divine Liturgy

Apostle Matthew the Evangelist; Martyr Ephygenia of Ethiopia, disciple of St. Matthew; Fulvian, prince of Ethiopia.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 2: When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred Body angelic pow'rs shown above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers, who were to keep guard, became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin, and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of St. Matthew – Tone 3: O holy Apostle Matthew, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great – Tone 1: Into all the world that received thy word went out thy voice; thereby didst thou divinely teach, explaining the nature of existing things and ordering the conduct of men. O venerable father, royal priesthood Basil, intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Presentation of the Theotokos – Tone 4: The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today entered the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

Prokeimenon: Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.

Epistle: The reading from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

(Chapter 4:9-16)

BRETHREN, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things.

I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

(Chapter 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."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 20th – Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, Nov. 22nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Nov. 23rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M., Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Nov. 29th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Nov. 30th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M., Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Dec. 6th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Dec. 7th – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Dec. 13th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 14th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Parish Council** are scheduled to hold their monthly meeting today, Nov. 16, after Divine Liturgy. All council members are asked to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The **Advent Fast** began Saturday, November 15th, and is divided into two periods. The first period is Nov. 15 – Dec. 19, with the traditional fasting discipline observed (no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, alcohol and oil). There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and an allowance for alcohol, oil and fish on Saturdays and Sundays. The second period is Dec. 20 – 24, with the traditional fasting discipline observed. There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil only on Saturday and Sunday.

Donations for **poinsettias** will be accepted from Nov. 16 – Nov. 30. If you would like to make a donation, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the “Special Occasion” line, please write, “Poinsettias.” Donations are \$10.00 per plant. Thank you.

Details regarding the **enthronement of His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH** are now available. You may find them posted on the bulletin board outside the kitchen in the Church Hall or at www.antiochian.org. Those persons interested in attending the enthronement should register as soon as possible.

Our annual **Christmas Pageant** will be held after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Dec. 21st. Parents interested in having their children participate in the pageant should see **Khouriyeh Pam**.

The church bulletin is available by email. Please tell Fr. Peter if you would like to receive it.

As of Nov. 9, 2014, 39 pledges were received totaling \$76,985.00. The budget approved at our Annual General Parish Meeting was for \$136,480.00. Approximately \$2,625/week is needed in donations to meet this obligation. The collection for November 9, 2014, totaled \$1,819 for a year-to-date total of \$99,360.93 (~\$2,208/week). We are approximately \$18,765 short of where we need to be at this time.

Spiritual Counsels...

“When virtuous men are in power, the people are joyful, when the wicked rule, the people groan.”

Proverbs 29:2

