

November 16th, 2025

23rd Sunday after Pentecost (8th of Luke) - Tone 6
Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 2:4-10 (Epistle 220)

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

1 Corinthians 4:9-16 | *St. Matthew* (Epistle 131)

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both 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 distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Luke 10:25-37 (Gospel 53)

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal,
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Many Years!

anniversaries

1st - Dale & Haley Drew
20th - Richard & Debbie Molner

birthdays

5th - Georgianna Glover
7th - Becky Fischer
7th - Katrina Molner
9th - Jason Britton
13th - Coy Molner
15th - Abigail Leithead
15th - Greg Olyejar
15th - Terri Volosin
20th - Debbie Hlatki
21th - Camden Robinson
22th - Morgan Sparks
23th - Garth Perry
28th - Josh Leithead
29th - Lori Meier

Calendar

November 19th Adult Study
— *Wednesday 6:30p*

November 22nd Great Vespers
— *Saturday 6:30p*

November 23rd Divine Liturgy
— *Sunday 9:30a*

Wisdom

"To say that God turns away from the sinful is like saying that the sun hides from the blind."

—*St. Anthony the Great*

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brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Matthew 9:9-13 | *St. Matthew* (Gospel 30)

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

Apostle and Evangelist Matthew

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, also Levi (Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27), was one of the Twelve (Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13) and brother of James Alphaeus. A despised Roman tax-collector in Capernaum, publicans were seen as greedy traitors and sinners; associating with them was defilement. Hearing Christ's "Come, follow Me" (Mt. 9:9), he left all. Jesus dined at his home with sinners, outraging Pharisees who missed that He "came to call not the righteous, but sinners" (Mt. 9:13). Matthew repaid fourfold, gave to the poor, and followed Christ, witnessing miracles, Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension.

At Pentecost, filled with the Holy Spirit, he preached in Palestine. At Jewish converts' request, he wrote the first Gospel in Aramaic (later Greek), proving Jesus as Messiah (Mt. 11:3). It presents Christ as Prophet/Law-Giver (Ch. 5-7), Lord (Ch. 8-25), and High Priest (Ch. 26-27), teaching the Kingdom and Church through parables and eschatology (Mt. 16:18-19; 28:18-20).

He evangelized Syria to Ethiopia, converting cannibals. In Mirmena, he founded a church, ordaining Platon bishop. The Lord gave him a staff; planted, it grew a tree with healing fruit and water, taming the wild. He healed ruler Fulvian's possessed family, but Fulvian, fearing pagan loss, had him burned. Fire spared Matthew; idols melted. He died unharmed. Body cast in iron coffin into the sea, it returned miraculously. Fulvian repented, was baptized Matthew, became presbyter then bishop, continuing the Apostle's work.

Troparion | Tone 6 (*Ressurrection*)

*The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.*

Troparion | Tone 3 (*St. Matthew*)

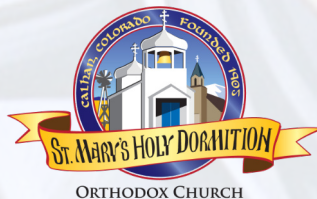
O holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, entreat the merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Kontakion | Tone 6 (*Ressurrection*)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Kontakion | Tone 4 (*St. Matthew*)

Casting aside the bonds of the customs house for the yoke of justice, thou wast revealed as an excellent merchant, rich in wisdom from on high. Thou didst proclaim the word of truth rousing the souls of the slothful by writing of the hour of Judgment.



Prayer List living

Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan, Mother Cassiana, Combs Family

Toni Dell, Tyler, David, Victor, Kyla, Emily, Tony, Diane, Bourg Family, Betty, Muriel, Child Gerhard ✕ Meryl, Harold, Tammy, Litsa, Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Michael, Jill, Beverly, Infant Dominic, Joseph, Jackie Joan, Trisha, Lee, Carol, Ethan, infant AdaLynn, Nauvlet, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, Makenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, child Charlotte, Cathy, Michael.

Those with child: Libbie

Those who are confined: Basil, Hannah, Theodore

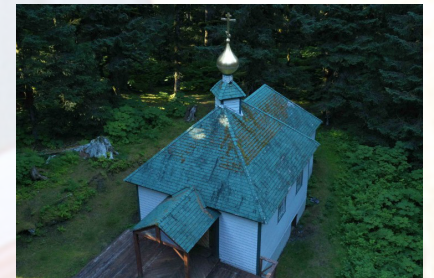
Commemorations

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew (60 A.D.). St. Fulvian, Prince of Ethiopia, in Baptism Matthew (1st c.).

Nuggets Game!

Join us on November 28 to travel to Denver to watch the Nuggets crush the San Antonio Spurs. Please contact Carrie Guy with your interest in attending the event and to reserve your tickets!

Sacred Alaska Movie



Join us November 30th, following liturgy, for an exclusive screening of the award-winning documentary Sacred Alaska. The director, Simon Scionka will attend this showing and take your questions after the movie.

The film intimately portrays Native Alaskan culture and spirituality, showing how Russian Orthodox missionaries like St. Herman shaped indigenous life by blending ancient sacred views of land, water, and creation with Orthodox traditions.

Featuring stunning cinematography, interviews, and stories of saints (St. Herman, St. Innocent, St. Yakov—the first Native priest). Explore village life in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and Spruce Island. Don't miss this spectacular showing and fellowship! www.sacredalaskafilm.com

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