

NOVEMBER 16 - ST MATTHEW, THE HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD ANTIPHONS are in the Music Book

TROPARIA

Tone 3 With zeal, you followed Christ the Master, / Who, in His goodness, appeared on earth to mankind. / Summoning you from the customs house, He revealed you as a chosen apostle: / the proclaimer to the whole world. / Therefore, divinely eloquent Matthew, / we honor your precious memory. // Entreat the merciful God that He grant our souls remission of transgressions!

Tone 4 The truth of things has revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 4 The most-pure temple of the Savior,
the all-precious bridal chamber and virgin,
the priestly treasury of the Glory of God,
today is brought into the house of the Lord,
bringing with her the grace that is in the divine Spirit,
whom God's angels hymn:
"She is the heavenly Tabernacle!"

Priest: Let us attend! Peace to all!

Choir: And to your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The prokeimenon in the eighth tone: Their voice went out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the inhabited world.** (*Psalm 18:4*)

Choir: Their voice went out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the inhabited world.

Reader: **The heavens describe the Glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the making of his hands.** (*Psalm 18:1*)

Choir: Their voice went out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the inhabited world.

Reader: **Their voice went out into all the earth,**

Choir: and their words to the ends of the inhabited world.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading is from the first epistle of the holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (4:9-16)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: **Brethren: I think that 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.**

Priest: Peace to you (who have read)!

Reader: **And to your spirit! Alleluia in the first tone. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **The heavens will confess your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the church of the holy ones. (Psalm 88:4)**

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **God – glorified in the counsel of the holy ones. (Psalm 88:4)**

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE READING IS FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (9:9-13)

COMMUNION HYMN

Their voice went out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the inhabited world. (Psalm 18:4)
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.