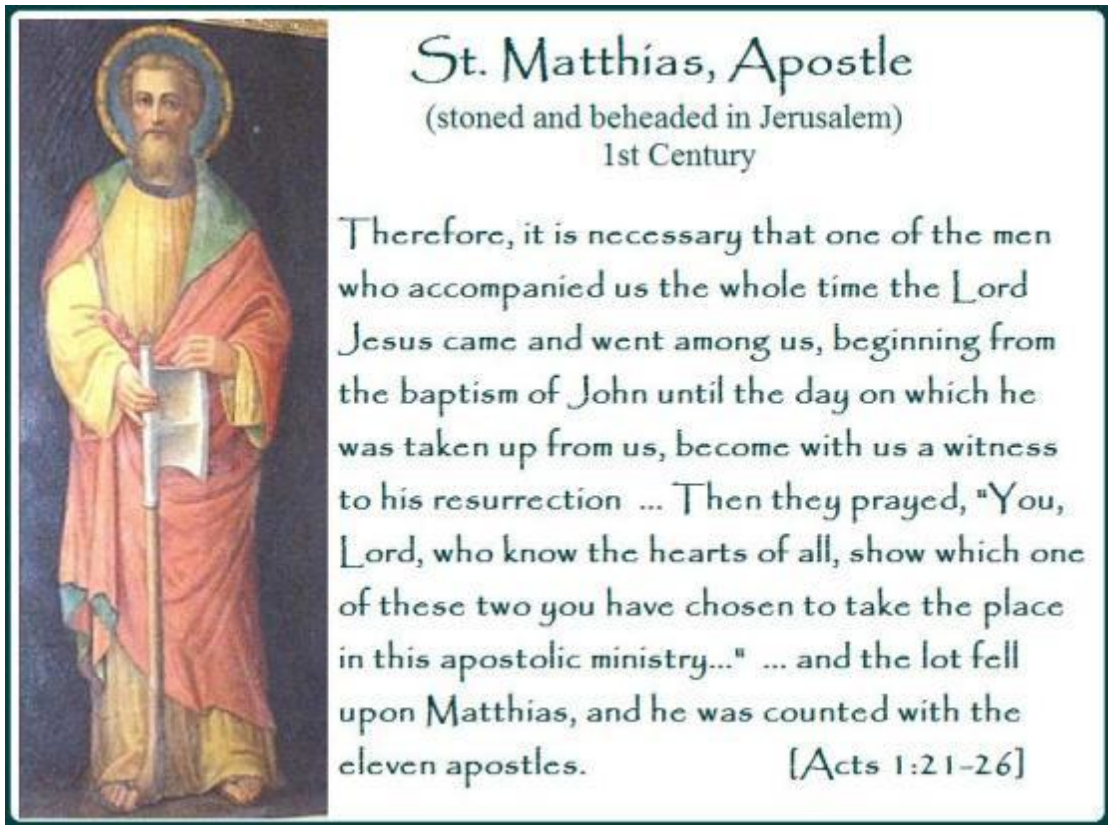


CHRISTIAN PRAYER:

The Liturgy of the Hours

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MATTHIAS, APOSTLE FEAST



Who was Saint Matthias and why does he have a feast day in his honor? To answer this question, we must first understand how seriously the first Eleven Apostles took their commissioning from Jesus. Within scripture we can find three major and four minor parameters of which the new, (12th Apostle), be chosen:

1.) Scripture must be fulfilled: citing The Palm of David 109: 8

2.) A man who has accompanied the disciples during the lifetime of Christ, witnessing;

a.) the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist

b.) the entire three-year ministry of Jesus

c.) the death of Jesus

d.) the resurrection of Christ on the third day

3.) Because the Twelve Apostles represented the Twelve Tribes Isreal fixed by Jesus at the start of his public ministry. (³⁰*that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.* – Luke 22:30 & ²⁸*Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you that you who have followed me, in the new age, when the Son of Man is seated on his throne of glory, will yourselves sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.* – Matthew 19:28)

Therefore, replacing Judas was as much a necessity as it was a holy obligation. Bringing to fruition God’s purpose for the church as revealed in Scripture; ²¹*for no prophecy ever came through human will, but rather human beings moved by the Holy Spirit spoke under the influence of God.* 2 Peter 1:21 *New American Bible (Revised Edition) (NABRE)*

Thus, at the moment they all prayed and asked God to look inside each person and chose the one man who was willing and able, pure in heart, mind, body, and

soul casting lots which from divine providence fell upon Matthias and whom accepted this set upon the throne as the twelfth Apostle of Jesus's.

We celebrate Matthias and the other Apostles who took to heart the Commission of Jesus. That is but one reason why celebrates not just Matthias but also the other eleven Apostles each one having their own Feast Day. It is a celebration that declares that in a world so marred by such evil that God's love wins every time!

Other Apostle's Feast Days:

1.) Jan. 25 – Conversion of Paul, Apostle

2.) Feb. 22 – Chair of Peter, Apostle

3.) May 3 – Philip & James, Apostles

4.) May 14 – Matthias, Apostle

5.) June 11 – Barnabas, Apostle

6.) June 29 – Peter & Paul, Apostles

7.) July 3 – Thomas, Apostle

8.) July 25 – James, Apostle

9.) Aug. 24 – Bartholomew, Apostle

10.) Oct. 28 – Simon & Jude, Apostles

11.) Nov. 30 – Andrew, Apostle

12.) Dec. 27 – John, Apostle & Evangelist

COMMON OF APOSTLES

Evening Prayer I

THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER – Week III

God, come to my assistance.

– Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen. Alleluia

HYMN, no 168 – The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King pg. 1667

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Of those whom he called to follow him, Jesus chose twelve and made them his apostles. (*alleluia*)

Psalm 117 – From the Common of Apostles – pg. 1389.

Universal Call to Warship

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him, all you peoples!

Ant. 1 Of those whom he called to follow him, Jesus chose twelve and made them his apostles. (*alleluia*)

Strong is his love for us; he is faithful forever.

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Praise for God's Care for Jerusalem

PSALM 147:12-20

Ant. 2 They left their nets to follow the Lord and Redeemer. *(alleluia)*

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God!

Ant. 2 They left their nets to follow the Lord and Redeemer. *(alleluia)*

He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with the finest wheat.

Ant. 2 They left their nets to follow the Lord and Redeemer. *(alleluia)*

He sends out his word to the Earth and swiftly runs his command. He showers down snow white as wool, he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

Ant. 2 They left their nets to follow the Lord and Redeemer. *(alleluia)*

He hurls down hailstones like crumbs. The waters are frozen at his touch; he sends forth his word and it melts them: at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

Ant. 2 They left their nets to follow the Lord and Redeemer. *(alleluia)*

He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his law and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees.

Ant. 2 They left their nets to follow the Lord and Redeemer. *(alleluia)*

Canticle – Ephesians 1:3-10

Ant. 3 You are my friends, for you have remained steadfast in my love. *(alleluia)*.

CANTICLE – See Ephesians 1:3-10

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

Ant. 3 You are my friends, for you have remained steadfast in my love. *(alleluia)*.

God chose us in him before the world began, to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Ant. 3 You are my friends, for you have remained steadfast in my love. *(alleluia)*.

He predestined us to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ, such was his will and pleasure, that all might praise the glorious favor he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

Ant. 3 You are my friends, for you have remained steadfast in my love. *(alleluia)*.

In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed, and our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous is God's favor to us.

Ant. 3 You are my friends, for you have remained steadfast in my love. *(alleluia)*.

God has given us the wisdom to understand fully the mystery, the plan he was pleased to decree in Christ.

Ant. 3 You are my friends, for you have remained steadfast in my love. *(alleluia)*.

A plan to be carried out in Christ, in the fullness of time, to bring all things into one in him, in the heavens and the earth.

Ant. 3 You are my friends, for you have remained steadfast in my love. *(alleluia)*.

READING – *Acts 2:42-45*

Life Among the Believers

They devoted themselves to the apostles' instruction and the communal life, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. A reverent fear overtook them all, for many wonders and signs were performed by the apostles. Those who believed shared all things in common; they would sell their property and goods, dividing everything on the basis of each one's need.

RESPONSORY

All the world will know, you are living as I taught you. *(Alleluia, alleluia)*
– All the world will know, you are living as I taught you. *(Alleluia, alleluia)*
If you love one another.

- You are living as I taught you.
- (Alleluia, alleluia)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

- All the world will know, you are living as I taught you. (Alleluia, alleluia)

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. You did not choose me, but I chose you to go forth and bear fruit that will last forever. (alleluia) – pg.1391

INTERCESSIONS

My brothers, we build on the foundation of the apostles. Let us pray to our almighty Father for his holy people and say:

'Be mindful of your Church, O Lord.'

Father, you wanted your Son to be seen first by the apostles after the resurrection from the dead,

- we ask you to make us his witnesses to the farthest corner of the world.

You sent your Son to preach the good news to the poor,

- help us to preach this Gospel to every creature.

You sent your Son to sow the seed of unending life,

- grant that we who work at sowing the seed may share the joy of the harvest.

You sent your Son to reconcile all men to you through his blood,

– help us all to work toward achieving this reconciliation.

Your Son sits at your right hand in heaven,

– let the dead enter your kingdom of joy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.*

PRAYER – (As in the Proper of Saints) pg.1149

Father,

you called Saint Matthias to share in the mission of the apostles. By the help of his prayers may we receive with joy the love you share with us and be counted among those you have chosen. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

DISMISSAL

May the Lord bless us, protect us from evil and bring us everlasting life.

– AMEN.

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