

Holy Apostle Matthias; Post-Feast of the Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ

First Antiphon

Verse 1: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise (Ps 65:2).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Verse 2: The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; Your lightning lit up the world (Ps 76:19).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God O Saviour, save us.

Verse 3: You have clothed Yourself in praise and splendor; You robe Yourself in light as with a cloak (Ps 103:1-2).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God O Saviour, save us.

Second Antiphon

Verse 1: Mount Zion, the northern slopes, is the city of the great king (Ps 47:3).

Refrain: Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Verse 2: And He led them to the mount of His holy place, to this mountain, which His right hand had won (Ps 77:54).

Refrain: Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Verse 3: Mount Zion which He loved, He made His holy place; as steadfast as a monolith (Ps 77:68-69).

Refrain: Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Glory... now... Only-begotten Son...

Third Antiphon

Verse 1: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Refrain: Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to you. Alleluia.

Verse 2: Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him with psalms.

Refrain: Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to you. Alleluia.

Verse 3: For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

Refrain: Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to you. Alleluia.

Troparion (Tone 7): You were transfigured on the mount, O Christ God, showing Your glory to Your disciples as much as they could bear. Make Your eternal light shine also on us who are sinners, through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Giver of Light, glory to You!

Troparion (Tone 3): Holy apostle Matthias intercede with the merciful God to grant to our souls forgiveness of sins.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion (Tone 7): No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity, for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers. Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice. The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 4): Your radiant message, O wondrous apostle Matthias, has shone like the sun throughout the world enlightening the Church of the nations with grace.

Prokimenon (Tone 4): How great are Your works, O Lord; You have made all things in wisdom (Ps 103:24).

verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great (Ps 103:1).

Prokimenon (Tone 8): Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world (Ps 18:5).

Epistle: (Ac 1:12-17; 21-26) (Saint)

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away; and when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brethren (the company of persons was in all about a hundred and twenty), and said, "Brethren, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David, concerning Judas who was guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us, and was allotted his share in this ministry.

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us--one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "Lord, who know the hearts of all people, show which one of

these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside, to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles.

Alleluia: Yours are the heavens, and Yours are the earth (Ps 88:12). It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing in Your name, O Most High (Ps 91:2).

verse: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, they will walk in the light of Your countenance, O Lord (Ps 88:16).

Alleluia: The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints (Ps 88:6).

Gospel: (Lk 9:1-6) (**Saint**)

And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal. And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them." And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

Instead of "It is truly...": O my soul, magnify the Lord transfigured on the mountain.

Irmos (Tone 4): Your giving birth was revealed as incorrupt; for it was God who came forth from your womb; He appeared on earth in the flesh, and made His dwelling among us. Thus, O Mother of God, all of us magnify you.

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (Ps 148:1). Alleluia (3x)