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HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST MATTHEW
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6
1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-47
Matthew 9:9-15

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

Troparion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Troparion for Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew

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

Kontakion (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Kontakion for Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew

Casting aside the bonds of the custom house for the yoke of justice, you were revealed as an excellent merchant, rich in wisdom from on high. You proclaimed the word of truth and roused the souls of the slothful by writing of the hour of Judgment.

Welcome to everyone praying with us today in person. Thank you for following our safety guidelines. May all who are in the Church and those livestreaming experience the great joy of the Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour follows each gathering

Memory Eternal+

A Memorial Litany is served on the 40th day of the falling asleep of Metropolitan Theodosius and for the newly departed Archbishop David (Diocese of Alaska).

Faith in Action Annual Christmas Outreach – Northern Virginia Family Services

“Gifting for Families” welcomes our donations of new toys for needy children of all ages. [Donate](#) online through December 7 or order from Amazon and Target Wishlists for delivery to NVFS. The link also has information for check donations.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, December 2 – Online at 7PM

Everyone is welcome to the discussion on “The Return of the Prodigal Son” with this week’s focus on the Older Son. Fr. John will email notes and a Zoom link.

A Taste of Greece - Pre-Order Only Curbside Pickup Fundraiser – Sunday Dec. 6

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church is hosting a Fundraiser next Sunday. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, they designed a creative event for friends to enjoy “great Greek food” that can be easily re-heated and enjoyed at home. All online orders must be made by 9PM on Friday the 4th with pickup on Sunday between 4PM-9PM, 3149 Glen Carlyn Rd. Falls Church, VA. Order online [here](#).

God Grant You Many Years!

May God grant birthday blessings and many years to Sue Mezines and Ruth Stock.

Nativity Fast

We have entered into the season of prayer, fasting and charitable giving in spiritual preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on January 7. Fr. John will provide guidance on the Sacrament of Confession.

**Feastday of the Entrance of the Theotokos
Friday, December 4**

**First-Saturday of the Month Vespers
December 5 at 5PM**

