



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Sunday, November 16, 2025
The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew

His Eminence, Metropolitan SABA
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America
His Grace, Bishop ANTHONY - Diocese of LA & the West
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RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE SIX)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST (TONE THREE)

O holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, intercede with the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE (TONE FOUR)

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings, victorious Great George intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE FOUR)

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

THE EPISTLE

His voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, 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 off-scouring 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.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:9-13)

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

THOSE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Living: Romy, Chase, Paul, Mary, Joshua, Peter, Richard, Anthony, Laila, Michael, Ray, Pam, Amal, Nejwa, Randa, Regan, Theresa, Kristine, Sherry, Samira, Robert, Daniel, Jane, Jillian, Sandy, Iyad, Nina, Victoria, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Mary, Alexandros, Theopisti, David and Donald.

Diana Matthews offers a one year Trisagion in loving memory of Jonathan Matthews. May his memory be eternal. For the good health of David, Angela, Payton, Steven, Emma Rose, Nicholas, Molly, Zoe, Anna, Farris, Beth, Julie, Walid, Zak, Ramzie, Raymond, Janet, Kimberly, Nicole, Stephanie, Nancy, Saranda, and Wesley. In memory of Jonathan, Chester, Jubran, Olga, Nicholas, Athena, Peter, Lucille, Harry, Arthur, Mary, Farris, Rose, Mitry, Elizabeth, Raymond, Shafik, Steven, Leon, Dorothy, Lambi, Koli, Rita, Christo, Aphrodite, Angelina, Thomaidha, Pastole Alma, Robert, Steve, Kara, Mary, Sol, and Anna.

Nick, Molly, Zoe, and Anna Matthews offer a one-year Trisagion for Jonathan Matthews. May his memory be eternal. For the good health of Diana, David, Angela, Payton, Steven, Emma Rose, Farris, May Jo, Beth, Julie, Walid, Zak, Ramzie, Raymond, Janet, Kimberly, Nicole, Stephanie, Nancy, Sarandë, Wesley, Diane, Dominic, Thomas, and for the Matthews, Ajalat, Kefi, Danish, Minelli, Adams, Chomo, McMahon, Salamy, Abrahams, Chambers, Moses, Adamson, Van der Veen, Stokich, Yacobucci, and Dale families. In memory of Chester, Jubran, Olga, Nicholas, Aphrodite, Peter, Lucille, Harry, Arthur, Mary, Farris, Rose, Mitry, Elizabeth, Raymond, Shafik, Steven, Dorothy, Lambi, Christo, and Angelina.

Dn. Raphael and Becky Abrahams, Simon and Lizzie Abrahams, and Rachel and William van der Veen offer a one-year Trisagion in memory of Jonathan Matthews. May his memory be eternal. For the health and salvation of Dn. Raphael, Becky, Molly, Nicholas, Zoe, Anna, Diana, Simon, Lizzie, Rachel, William, David, Angela, Payton, SJ, Rosie, Dina, and Daniel. In loving memory of Donald, Valerie, Albert, Mary, Chet, Lucille, and Harry.

Samira Khoury offers Holy Bread in loving memory of Jack Khoury, loving husband, father and grandfather. He is greatly missed by his family and the countless lives that he touched. For the health of Magdolene Khoury, Marian, George, Jack, and George Dougenis, Lillian, Ava and Julia Sayegh, Sandy, Eddie, James, Madelyn, Matthew and Michael Khoury, Victor, Becki, Benny and Diego Khoury, Wafa, Suzy and David Khoury.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Anthony & Tina on the Churching of their baby, Samuel Anthony Yacoub. May God grant them many years.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Jonathan and Sylvia Rabadi on the Baptism of their daughter, Sloane Jonathan Rabadi. May God grant them many years.

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