

Sharing in that saving joy...

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For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners, says the Lord. - Matt 9:13



Prayer after Communion (Today's Liturgy)

*Sharing in that saving joy, O Lord,
with which Saint Matthew welcomed the Savior
as a guest in his home, we pray: grant that we may always
be renewed by the food we receive from Christ,
who came to call not the just, but sinners to salvation.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.*

St Matthew

Nee - Capernaum

"And he got up and followed Him" (Mt 9:9b) ...

"leaving everything behind" (Lk 5:28)

Apostle and Evangelist

"the son of Alphaeus" (Mk 2:14)

Symbols associated w/St Matthew:

Gospel, human/angel, sword (in re: martyrdom)

Feast Day - September 21

Imitate St Matthew - get up and follow Jesus.

Then invite sinners to meet Him.

"What reason can the Teacher have for eating with tax collectors and those who disregard the law?" –

Matthew 9:11 Cause heaven to rejoice (Luke 15:7).



His life is somewhat shrouded, and ... There are not many facts ... But Matthew was a publican ... Who gathered in the tax ... Until that wondrous moment in ... His native Galilee ... When Jesus came upon him, and ... He told him, "Follow me" ... And Matthew followed Jesus then ... Wherever Jesus went ... Ignoring Pharisees and all ... The Roman government ... With eloquent sincerity ... This good apostle preached ... In distant lands wherever there ... Were souls that could be reached ... And he composed the gospel that ... Inspires us today ... To follow Jesus Christ and live ... According to His way.

From *Poem Portraits of the Saints* - James J Metcalfe (1956), pg 6

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(see *Calling of St Matthew* - Caravaggio)

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[St. Matthew - YouTube \(Apostleship of Prayer\)](#)

St Matthew, pray for us!