

Bulletin sponsors this week are for the:**Health of:**

Olivia Turpin on her 1st birthday, requested with love by her grandparents, Fr. Matthew and M. Barbara.

Newly Chrismated **John** Schaser, requested with love by our Parish Family.

Readings:

Ephesians 2:4-10 (23rd Sunday after Pentecost)

I Corinthians 4:9-16 (St. Matthew)

Luke 10:25-37 (8th Sunday of Luke)

Matthew 9:9-13 (St. Matthew)

Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM	Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month	
Private Confession - by appointment, contact Father Matthew	
Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy, 3 rd Sunday of each month	

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee Hour.

Sunday school classes meet every Sunday.

Please see your child's teacher for meeting times.

Announcements:

- Upcoming **Nativity** season events:
Sunday **November 23rd** - **tree decorating** for parish children and guests.
Sunday **December 7th** - **St. Nicholas Day** celebration with a visit from St. Nicholas.

Reminders:

- The **Parish Council** has created a special fund for a **parish rectory**. Please **mark** any **donations** for this important fund with the designation "**Rectory**".
- The **Sisterhood's food drive is ongoing**. Please be generous with your donations as many people are presently experiencing food insecurity. Collection bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Thank you.
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers**. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin should be **submitted by email to: bulletin@churchmotherofgod.org**
- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish. There is a donation basket at the candle stand. Also, a **Venmo account** can be used for donations. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>.
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 PM downstairs in the community room.
- **The Living Clean Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 PM downstairs in the community room.

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.*

Kontakion — Tone 4

Prokeimenon (Tone 6 - St. Matthew):

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe. (Ps. 18:4)

Alleluia verse (Tone 1- St. Matthew)

The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; and Your truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps. 88:5)

Communion Hymn (St. Matthew):

*Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)
Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (Ps. 18:4)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

The Nativity fast began yesterday, November 15th, and lasts forty days. The fast is not as strict as Great Lent or the Dormition fast, and can be compared to the Apostle's fast. It was instituted by the Church so that we would worthily greet the feast of the Nativity of Christ after having cleansed our hearts by prayer and repentance.

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2025/11/16>

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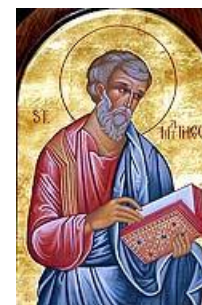
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*Glory to
Jesus Christ*

*Glory
Forever*

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 merciful God that He may grant our souls remission of transgressions.*

Tone 3 — Troparion

November 16, 2025

Today the Church remembers:

**Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew (60 A.D.) • St. Fulvian, Prince of Ethiopia,
in Baptism Matthew (1st c.)**

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
8th Sunday of Luke

Tone 6 of the [Octoechos](#)
Nativity Fast