

**November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew**

*As we enter the Church let us pray.....*

*I will come into Thy House In the multitude of Thy mercy;  
And in Thy fear I will worship toward Thy Holy Temple.*

**Resurrectional Apolytikion – Tone 6**

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 3**

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

**Apolytikion of St. John Chrysostom - Tone 8**

Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty. It has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!

**Kontakion of the Entrancee of the Theotokos – Tone 4**

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.

**Synaxarion**

On November 16 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew. He was the son of Alphaeus, and a tax collector when the Lord saw him in Capernaum and said: “Follow Me. And he arose, and followed Him (Matthew 9:9).” After that, Matthew received the Lord in his home and thus provided the occasion for the Lord to express several great truths about His coming to earth. After receiving the Holy Spirit, Matthew preached the Gospel to the Parthians, Medes and Ethiopians. Matthew baptized the wife and the son of the prince of Ethiopia, at which the prince became greatly enraged and dispatched a guard to bring Matthew to him for trial. The soldiers returned to the prince saying that they had heard Matthew’s voice, but could not see him with their eyes. The prince then sent a second guard. When this guard approached the apostle, he shone with a heavenly light so powerful that the soldiers could not look at him; filled with fear, they threw down their weapons and returned. The prince then went himself. Matthew radiated such light that the prince was instantly blinded. However, the holy apostle had a compassionate heart; he prayed to God, and the prince was given back his sight. Unfortunately, he arrested Matthew and subjected him to cruel tortures. Eventually, after Matthew’s death, the prince repented, was baptized, taking the name “Matthew,” and served as a priest, giving up his princely wealth. Matthew the Apostle wrote his Gospel in the Aramaic language. It was soon translated into Greek and the Greek text has come down to us, while the Aramaic text has been lost. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Ephygenia of Ethiopia, disciple of St. Matthew; and Fulvian, prince of Ethiopia. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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**St John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Church is a parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America**

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA, Metropolitan of New York and North America  
His Grace Bishop Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic  
The V. Rev. Peter Pier, Pastor

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**The Inquirer's Class** – will meet next Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy. These classes are for those studying the Orthodox Christian Faith, and those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith. All are welcome.

**Weis and Giant Grocery Gift Cards** – are available for purchase. You pay the face amount of the card and the church receives 5% of the value of the card. Please go to the church office after any Divine Liturgy to purchase a card. Purchases benefit the general fund of St. John Chrysostom Church.

**Attendance: 220**

**Operating Fund Offering Received: \$3,718.00**

**Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: \$8,432.00**

### Church Calendar

**Nov. 16** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.  
**Nov. 18** 9:00 am Pray and Play.  
**Nov. 20** 5:00 pm Orthros. 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy. Entrance of the Theotokos.  
**Nov. 22** 6:00 pm Great Vespers.  
**Nov. 23** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. SCS. JOY Club. Inquirer's Class.

### Remember In Your Prayers

*Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear" (Is. 65:24)*

#### **The Living – for their health & wellbeing**

Metropolitan SABA  
Bishop Thomas  
Denise Zakula  
Subdeacon Ron Bartholomew Bassarab  
Olena Bassarab  
Jayme Miller  
Matthew Miller  
Officer Jamie Miller  
Joyce "Kassiane" Williams  
Michael Acierno  
Jerry "David" Desautels  
Christopher Reese  
Beverly Kushner  
Michelle Prince  
Richard "Stephen" Vangel  
Joshua "John" Ranck  
Ronna "Sophia" Castle  
Kera McBurnett  
Vincent McKee  
Christine Bogosh  
Sasha Florenz  
Nicholas Glagola  
Marjorie "Marion" Barrett

Priest Boniface Black  
Helen Diamond  
Angela Burke  
Wayne "Stephen" Coleson  
Georgette Habib Soliman  
Joseph Danyo  
Leavitt "George" Keener  
Mary Jane Glagola  
Norm "Nourhan" and Eva "Marie" Kailian  
Nicholas Raptapolus  
Walter and Mary Damm  
Donnell Gregory and Mary "Rebecca" Beck  
Michael Bogosh  
Christos Tsakiris  
Harry and Grace Dorion  
Marianne Rupp and Mary Bincarowsky  
Gene "Paul" Strayer  
Katherine Monsour  
George and Darla Feeser  
Cindi "Monica" Bennett  
Mary Kopey  
Martha Allen  
Mary Lou Grove  
Melinda "Magdalena" Stika  
James Fetter

#### **The Departed – Memory Eternal!**

Metropolitan PHILIP  
Bishop Antoun

Andrew Himes  
Patty May  
Julie Acierno

Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic  
Steven Smith  
Edward Boner  
Cheryl "Alexandra" Bury  
Thomas Lehman  
Barry "John" Hart  
Angela Pandelidis  
Kathryn Velen  
Karl and Nancy Usner