

November 16th

The Holy Apostle & Evangelist Matthew

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: *As one valiant*

Adapted by Fr. John El Massih

E Un.

1) With the clar - i - on of thy words thou didst mus - ter the

E

sons of men to the sav - ing knowl - edge of

E

God, O all - re - nowned; and thē as - sem - blies of

E

er - ror_ thou didst ter - ri - fy off thē earth

E

but didst guide all faith - ful folk in - to con - cord and

E

u - ni - ty. Now thou pray - est Christ to de - liv - er from

G

per - ils and cor - rup - tion them that faith - ful - ly do

E

hon - or thine ev - er - ven - 'ra - ble mem - o - ry.

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2) Hav-ing armed and pro - vid - ed_ thee with that tongue of the

E



Spir - it's fire, Christ our God then made_ thee a



might - y man of war a - gainst de - cep - tion and



er - ror,_ O A - pos - tle; and from His hands



hast thou now re - ceived the prize and the shin - ing re -



-wards of grace. Him do thou en - treat to de - liv - er from

G



per - ils and cor - rup - tion them that faith - ful - ly do

E



hon - or thine ev - er - ven - 'ra - ble mem - o - ry.

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E Un.



3) Look-ing in - to the Spir - it's_ depths, thou, O Mat - thew, didst

E



there per - ceive rich - es that are end - less and



in - ex - haust - i - ble; and, O A - pos - tle, from



thence thou drew - est forth His a - bun - dant grace



giv - ing it un - to us all through the Gos - pel of



ho - ly fame. Now thou pray - est Christ to de - liv - er from

G



per - ils and cor - rup - tion them that faith - ful - ly do

E



hon - or thine ev - er - ven - 'ra - ble mem - o - ry.