

November 16th

The Holy Apostle & Evangelist Matthew

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

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E Un. E

1) Beam-ing like a bril - liant sun and set a - blaze with the

Un. E

Spir - it's rays, thou didst make all the world to shine with

G E

knowl - edge of God the Lord, O all - wise A - pos - tle;

and, O bless - ed Mat - thew, thou al - so whol - ly draw - est out

the gloom - y mist of the cult of man - y gods; and

so to - day we cel - e - brate thy light - trans - cend - ing me -

G E

- mo - ri - al and thy mar - vel - ous fes - ti - val

as a well - - - - - spring of ho - li - ness.

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E Un. E

2) Seat - ed at the loft - y sum - mit of di - vine knowl - edge

Un. E

from on high, O A - pos - tle, thou didst re - ceive the

G E

Spir - it's re - splen - dent light, which ap - peared un - to thee

in the form of fire, and with fier - y tongue thou burnt - est up

pro - fane i - dol - a - try like a pile of wood. We

there - fore sing thy praise as an A - pos - tle her - ald - ing

G E

things di - vine as to - day we all cel - e - brate

this thine all - ho - ly fes - ti - val.

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E Un. E

3) Thou didst thun - der sav - ing_ and most sa - cred doc - trines to

Un. E

all the world, O wise Mat - thew, and thou didst cleanse cre -

G E

- a - tion from end to end from its i - dol - mad - ness;

and thou didst il - lu - mine the tribes and peo - ples of thē earth

with the bright rays of the Gos - pel's shin - ing light. And

hurl - ing down the tem - ples of the wick - ed i - dols by

G E

grace di - vine, ho - ly church - es didst thou raise up

to the glo - ry and praise of God.