November 16th
The Holy Apostle & Evangelist Matthew
Stichera at the Praises

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

Spirit's rays, thou didst make all the world to shine with

knowledge of God the Lord, O all-wise Apostle;

and, O blessed Matthew, thou also wholly drivest out

the gloomy mist of the cult of many gods; and

so today we celebrate thy light-transcending me-

mo-rial and thy mar-

vel-ous festi-

val

as a well spring of holiness.

Text and music used with permission. Copyright, 2005. Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Brookline, MA.
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, Rev. 1, 10/15/2021, CAH
2) Seat - ed at the loft - y sum - mit of di - vine knowl - edge

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

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

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

this thine all - ho - ly fes - ti - val.
3) Thou didst thunder saving and most sacred doctrines to

all the world, O wise Matthew, and thou didst cleanse creation from end to end from its idol madness;

and thou didst illuminate the tribes and peoples of the earth with the bright rays of the Gospel's shining light. And

hurling down the temples of the wicked idols by grace divine, holy churches didst thou raise up

to the glory and praise of God.