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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1) Beam-ing like a brilliant sun and set a-blaze with the
2) Seat-ed at the lofty sum-mit of divine knowl-edge
3) Thou didst thun-der sav-ing and most sa-cred doc-trines to

Spir-it's rays, thou didst make all the world to shine with
from on high, O A-pos-tle, thou didst re-ceive the
all the world, O wise Mat-thew, and thou didst cleanse cre-

knowl-edge of God the Lord, O all-wise A-pos-tle;
Spir-it's re-splen-dent light, which ap-peared un-to thee
a-tion from end to end from its i-dol-mad-ness;

and, O bless-ed Mat-thew, thou al-so whol-ly drav-est out
in the form of fire, and with fier-y tongue thou burnt-est up
and thou didst il-lu-mine the tribes and peo-ple's of the earth

the gloom-y mist of the cult of man-ty gods; and
pro-fane i-dol-a-try like a pile of wood. We
with the bright rays of the Gos-pel's shin-ing light. And

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Today we celebrate thy light transcending me - therefore sing thy praise as an Apostle heralding hurling down the temples of the wicked idols by - moral and thy marvelous festival things divine, as today we all celebrate grace divine, holy churches didst thou raise up as a well spring of holiness. this thine all holy festival. to the glory and praise of God.