

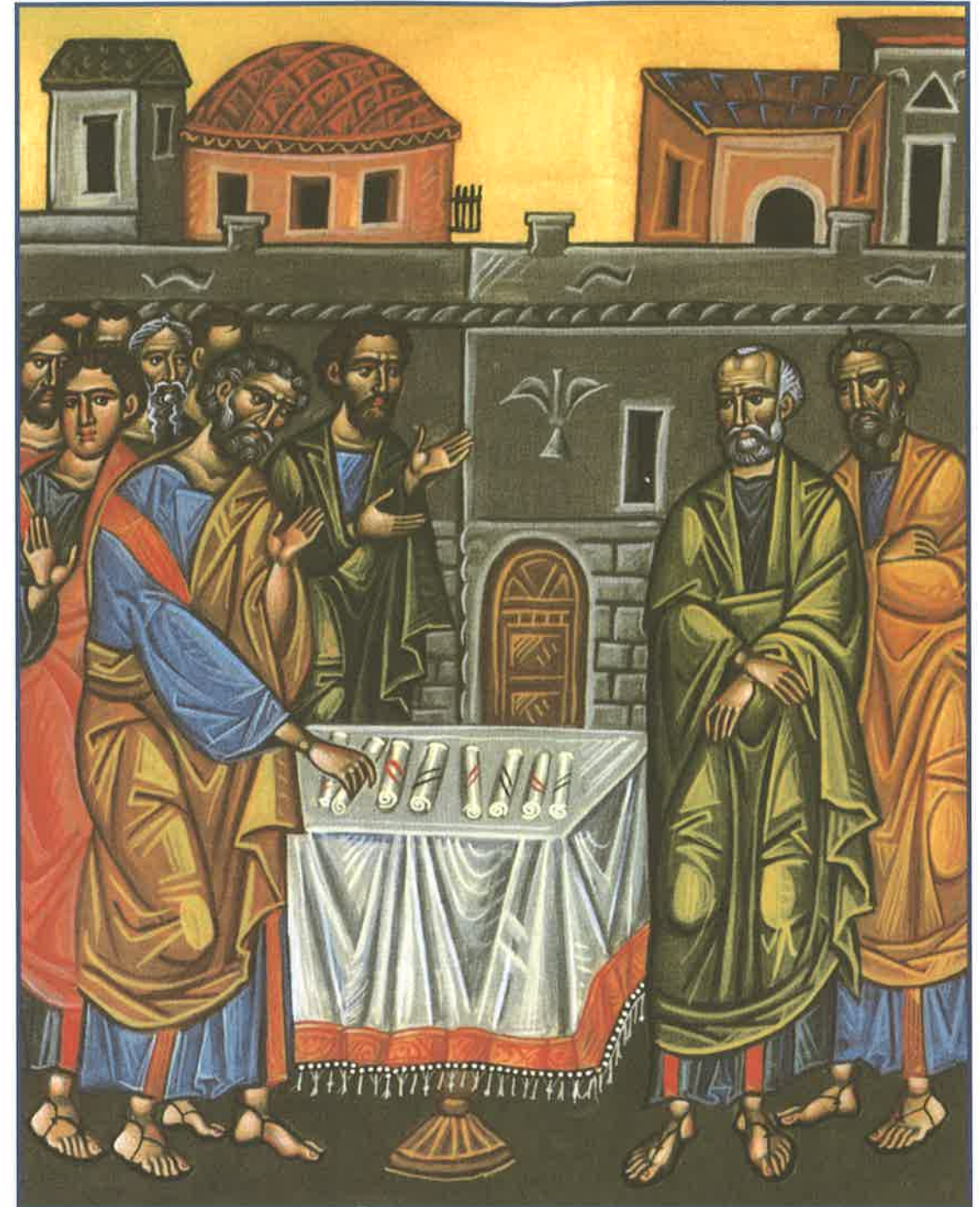
THE APOSTLE MATTHIAS

Following the wretched betrayal of Christ by Judas, our Lord's inner circle of disciples fell to eleven. When the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem as they awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit, it is recorded that they undertook the task of selecting a successor. Peter's words concerning this are chronicled in the Book of Acts: "Of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection."

Two candidates were proposed: Joseph called Barsabas, and Matthias. Lots were cast and, through the grace of God, Matthias was chosen to be an Apostle. Little is known of the background of this holy man. In fact, there is no other reference to him in the New Testament, aside from his election! Sacred Tradition tells us that he first took Christ's Gospel to Armenia, where he was met with great opposition. Armenia would become the first country to officially adopt Christianity as its state religion some 300 years later, but the number of converts won by Matthias was relatively small.

The missionary labors of the Apostle Matthias carried him to other remote areas of the world. He visited ancient Abyssinia and eventually found his way to Ethiopia. It was here that Matthias suffered martyrdom, giving his life for the Saviour that he loved dearly.

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7th Sunday of Matthew

St. Dometios of Persia; St. Nikanor the Wonderworker

Orthros Gospel: Seven

Tone: Plagal Second

EPISTLE: Rom.15:1-7 (pg. 73-74)

GOSPEL: Matt. 9:27-35 (pg. 74-75)

MEMORIALS – Ernie Bilotto (2 yrs.); infant Theodore (2 yrs); Toula Colonias (2 yrs); Konstantinos Passadis (9 yrs)

COFFEE HOUR – Hosted by the families of Paul & Mary Birris and Mike & Sophia Siget

SPECIAL SERVICES

MON. AUG. 8 – Paraclesis

6:00 PM

WED. AUG. 10 – Paraclesis

6:00 PM

FRI. AUG. 12 – Paraclesis

6:00 PM

SPECIAL ACTIVITY

WED. AUG. 10 – Parish Council Meeting

7:00 PM

PARISH FEAST FESTIVITIES – The Feast Day of our church will begin with Hierarchical Great Vespers next Sunday evening, August 14, with Engomia and Artoklasia with His Eminence Metropolitan Savas officiating; fresh flowers from your gardens will be needed to help decorate the Epitaphio; light refreshments will follow and volunteers are needed at 5:00 PM Sunday afternoon to prepare these refreshments; ***Lenten refreshments are always and most welcome.*** Volunteers will also be needed to help in the clean-up process after all the guests have departed.

BI-ANNUAL LUMINERIES sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope, Beaver Valley #324, will be placed and lit outside the church next Sunday evening, August 14, during Vesper Services in commemoration of the Feast Day of our church, Kimisis Tis Theotokou, Monday, August 15. Cost is \$5.00/name. Please see Margie Kakiou during Coffee Hour.

DIVINE LITURGY BOOKS – The new Divine Liturgy books are in and will be distributed in the pews this week so they will “debut” next Sunday before the parish’s Feast Day on Monday, August 15.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS/HOSTESSES – Volunteers are needed for next Sunday, August 14; Sunday, **August 21**, Billl Passodelis and Paul & Denise Scoutelas; Sunday, **August 28**, Athena Bilotto and Wayne & Kitsa Lipecky. Hosts or hostesses can add their names on the Sunday of their choosing for 2016; you can honor people for their birthdays, namedays, accomplishments, etc. Please insert your names in the dates you prefer on the boards that are on the wall in the Small Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS – 1) H.O.P.A. Foundation’s 3rd Annual Golf Outing taking place on Friday, August 19. 2) AHEPA ANNUAL PICNIC, Saturday, September 17, at Center Township Municipal Park, Center Township. 3) OPA! September 24 at St. Elijah Serbian Center. Please see enclosed flyer for the OPA! affair.

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS “FALL LUNCHEON FASHION SHOW” is taking place on Saturday, October 1, 2016 in our Community Center. Apparel will be exhibited from Rome Inspirations, Rochester, and Christopher & Banks, Beaver Valley Mall. A light luncheon will be served and featured will be a scarf demonstration, OPA Grecian Dancers and an exhibit table. Extra free-will donations are welcome to benefit all Philoptochos ministries as well as to help flair the cost of the events will be greatly appreciated; checks payable to Ladies Philoptochos. They are also accepting “Baskets” for free-give away door prizes; if interested, please contact Violet Rubino or Helen Valsamidis. A table is set up today during Coffee Hour to sell tickets; cost is \$25.00. This event is open to the public as well as our parish members. For more information, please contact Linda Hapach 724-728-1667.

THANK YOU to all those who have filled out their Stewardship Pledges for 2016. Your generosity is deeply appreciated as this is the single most important source of income for our Church. If you do not currently pledge, we encourage you to speak to Lynne Kakiou, our Financial Secretary. All pledges remain in strict confidence.

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