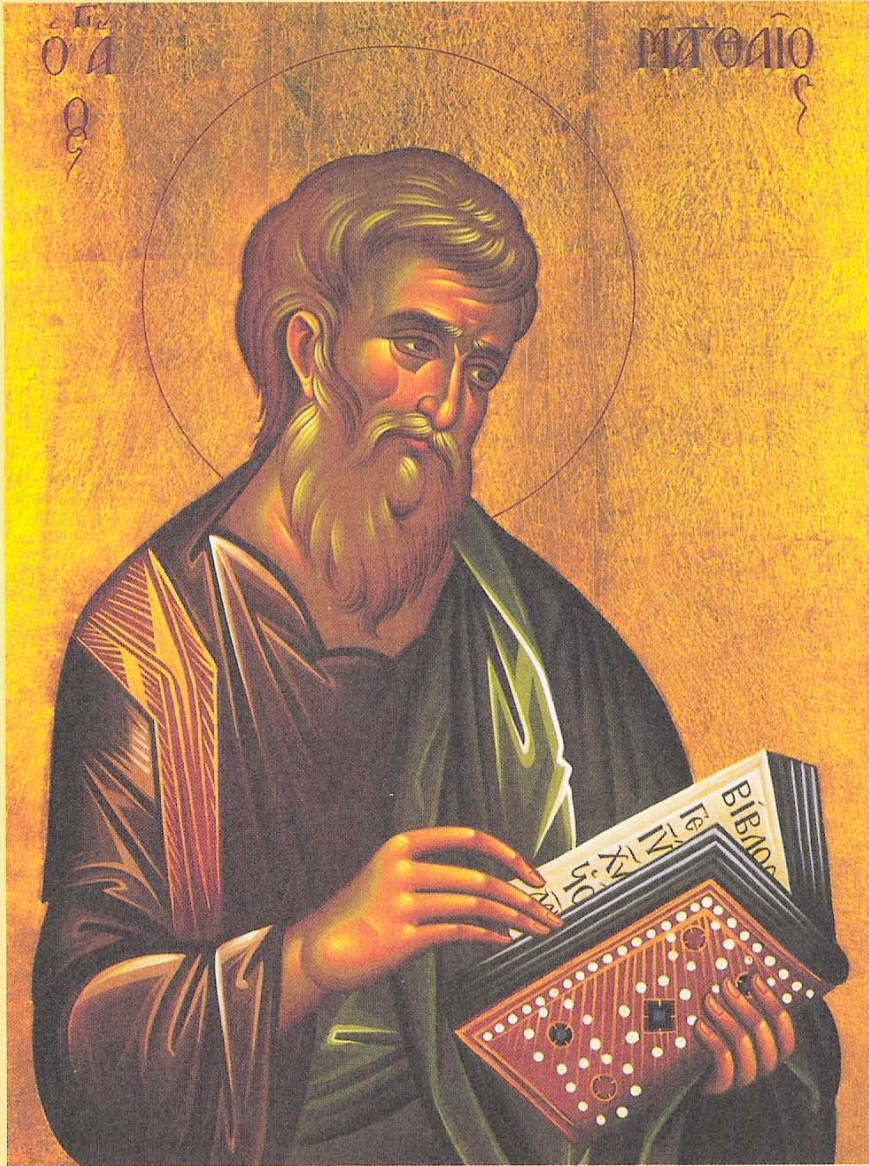


THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist -- November 16th

27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
NOVEMBER 16, 2008
Tone 2

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17 – NOVEMBER 24, 2008

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21	FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE
	8:30 AM LITURGY SPECIAL INTENTION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22	3:00 PM – ZAHALNA PANAKHYDA AT HOLY CROSS CEMETERY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23	8:00 AM LITURGY SPECIAL INTENTION
	10:00 AM LITURGY FOR ALL PARISHIONERS



Holodomor Commemoration

This Saturday, November 22 there will be a Panakhyda Service at Holy Cross cemetery to commemorate the *Holodomor*. Please see the separate flyer or the Parish homepage for more information.

Beginning next Sunday, November 23rd, we will return to the schedule of two Sunday Divine Liturgies: 8:00 AM in English and 10:00 AM in Ukrainian.

NO SERVICES THIS MONDAY - THURSDAY

Fr. James will be in New York this week for a meeting of the Eastern Catholic Eparchial Directors of Catechesis. In case of an emergency please contact either Fr. Robert Pipta of Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church at (858) 277-2511 or Fr. Sabba Shofany of St. Jacob Melkite Catholic Mission at (619) 825-9344 (office) or (619) 410-7868 (cell)

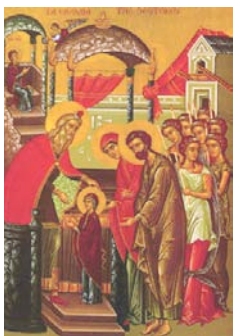
Christmas Cards

Ukrainian Christmas Cards will be for sale in the Church Hall. Please see Mary Kitt to purchase.

Catechism for Youth and Young Adults

Catechism classes for the youth and young adults (5-18) will begin in January. Registration forms are available in the church hall. Please return them to Fr. James by December 7th so that the appropriate number of needed texts can be ordered. The schedule and cost for the classes will be determined once the number of students has been finalized.

<i>Sunday Collection: November 9, 2008:</i>	\$512.00
<i>Second Collection:</i>	\$34.00



November 21 – The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

According to the tradition of the Church, the Theotokos was brought to the Temple at three years of age, where she was consecrated to God and spent her days until she was fourteen or fifteen years old; and then, as a mature maiden, by the common counsel of the priests (since her parents had reposed some three years before), she was betrothed to Joseph.

Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

Today is the prelude of God's pleasure and the proclamation of man's salvation. The Virgin is clearly made manifest in the temple of God and foretells Christ to all. Let us also cry out to her with mighty voice, "Hail, fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

Kontakion in the Fourth Tone

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.



МОЛИТВА

Господи, Ісусе Христе, Сину Божий,
молитвами пречистої Твоєї Матері,
силою чесного і животворящого Хреста,
заступництвом чесних небесних сил безплотних,
святих, славних і довроповідних мучеників,
преподобних і богоносних Отців наших і всіх святих,
зверни воедино у спільності Католицької Єдності
та повноті Православної Віри своїх улюблених дітей
Святої Київської Церкви й усієї Русі-України і
помилай нас, грішних.

Амінь.

Саме перед цим чудотворним Хрестом у Володимирі-Волинському (Україна) молився малий Іван Кунцевич (майбутній святий Йосафат (1580-1623)), коли палаюча іскра Божого благословення вилетіла від Розп'ятого Спасителя і запала в його дитяче серце, запаливши його полум'яною любов'ю мучеників до Господа Ісуса, Його Невісти - святої Церкви та її богослужінь.

PRAYER

LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD,
THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF YOUR ALL HOLY MOTHER
THE STRENGTH OF THE HONORABLE AND LIFE-CREATING
CROSS, THE INTERCESSION OF THE HONORABLE AND
INCORPoreal POWERS OF HEAVEN, THE HOLY, GLORIOUS
AND VICTORIOUS MARTYRS, THE MONASTIC AND
GODBEARING FATHERS, AND ALL THE SAINTS, GATHER
TOGETHER IN THE ONENESS OF CATHOLIC UNITY AND IN
THE FULLNESS OF ORTHODOX FAITH, YOUR BELOVED
CHILDREN OF THE HOLY CHURCH OF KYIV
AND ALL RUS'-UKRAINE,
AND HAVE MERCY ON US SINNERS.

AMEN.

It was from this wonder-working Cross in Volodymyr-Volyns'kyj (Ukraine) that a blazing spark of Divine blessing fell forth from the Saviour into the youthful heart of Ivan Kuntsevych (the future St. Josaphat 1580 - 1623), setting him aflame with a martyr's love for Christ our God, His Bride the holy Church, and her Divine services.

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From Sinner and Tax Collector to Apostle and Evangelist

Working for the occupying Roman Empire, Saint Matthew, a Jew, collected taxes from other Jews for the Romans. Though the Romans probably did not allow extremes of extortion, their main concern was their own treasury. They were not scrupulous about what the tax collectors got for themselves. So, the tax collectors, known as “publicans,” were generally hated as traitors by their fellow Jews. The Pharisees categorized them with “sinners.” So it was a shock to them to hear Jesus call such a man to be one of his intimate followers.

Matthew got Jesus in further trouble by having a party at his house. The Gospel tells us that “many” tax collectors and “those known as sinners” came to the dinner. The Pharisees were still more badly shocked. What business did the supposedly great teacher have associating with such immoral people? Jesus’ answer was, “Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ I did not come to call the righteous but sinners” (Matthew 9:12b-13). Jesus is not setting aside ritual and worship; he is saying that loving others is even more important.

From unlikely circumstances, Jesus chose one of the foundations of the Church, a man others, judging from his job, thought was not holy enough for the position. But Matthew was honest enough to admit that he was one of the sinners Jesus came to call. He was open enough to recognize truth. “And he got up and followed him” (Matthew 9:9b).

St. John the Baptizer Ukrainian Catholic Church

CATECHISM REGISTRATION FORM

Dear Parents:

We would like to register all the children in the Parish in Catechism so that books and materials can be ordered before classes begins in January 2009. If you want your child to attend Catechism, please fill out all the information requested below and return it to Fr. James by December 7th, 2008.

Pupil's Name: _____

Age: _____ **First Confession? (y/n)** _____

Birthday: _____

Grade in School: _____

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Age: _____ **First Confession? (y/n)** _____

Birthday: _____

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Pupil's Name: _____

Age: _____ **First Confession? (y/n)** _____

Birthday: _____

Grade in School: _____

Parent(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____

(Work) _____

Signature: _____

Preferred Day and Time:

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____