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St. Matthew

Feast Day = September 21st

Today we celebrate the feast day of St. Matthew.

Jesus said, “Follow Me,” and Matthew became his disciple. Matthew, a tax collector – a profession often viewed as corrupt and untrustworthy – was working in Capernaum when he encountered Jesus.

He is a great example of the transformative power of faith. He wrote the one of the four Gospels in the New Testament. He was an apostle, an evangelist and a missionary. As an apostle, he was with Jesus through his ministry, at the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, the Ascension, and Pentecost.

He – like many missionaries – spread the Good News after Jesus’ Ascension. At first in his own land and then he ventured east – towards present day Iran. St. Matthew viewed his mission as a way to convince and reassure the people following Jesus that Jesus is the Messiah.

St. Matthew – also known as Levi – is the patron saint of accountants, taxi drivers, actors, and bookkeepers. St. Matthew continues to be a missionary. St. Matthew, pray for us.

