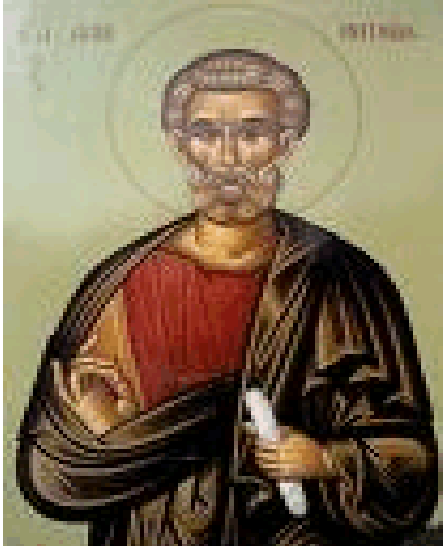


St. Matthias the Apostle

Saint of the Month: May

Feast Day: May 14



APOSTLE

- ☞ First century
- ☞ Palestine
- ☞ Patron of tailors, alcoholics

Character Trait - Trustworthiness/Loyalty
Virtue - Fortitude

What do we know about St. Matthias? Actually, very little. However, we do know from the Bible:

- ▼ That he was present when St. Peter called on the faithful to select an apostle to replace the traitor Judas (Acts 1:15-26)
- ▼ That he was a witness to the resurrection (Acts 1:21-22)
- ▼ That he was chosen by casting lots between him and Joseph.
- ▼ That after selection he was identified as apostle with the other eleven apostles.

We can suppose:

- ▼ That he was present on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1)
- ▼ That he was one of the seventy-two sent out by Jesus on missionary tours (Luke 10:1)

The New Testament mentions Matthias only once, and that is in the account of how he was chosen through the working of the Holy Spirit to become one of the twelve apostles.

Tradition links him with the country of Ethiopia, where he is believed to have met his martyrdom by crucifixion or beheading.

SUGGESTED FAMILY ACTION

- ☞ Read Acts 1:15-26
- ☞ Pray - "Father, you called Saint Matthias to share in the mission of the apostles. By the help of his prayers may we receive with joy the love you share with us and be counted among those you have chosen. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one