



Saint Matthew

Matthew is a son of Alphaeus and was a tax collector. He is also known as Levi.

According to tradition, he went to Ethiopia after he had preached to the Jews in Palestine.

Accounts of Matthew's death vary. Some say he died a natural death, others that he was crucified in Ethiopia and then beheaded. The three purses represent his work as a tax collector.

St. Matthew's Fiest Day is September 21.