

the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the 5 loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

The ninth Monday. Matthew 23:29

The Lord said, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets..."

The ninth Tuesday.* Matthew 24:13–28

The Lord said, "Who endures to the end shall be saved. And this

The figure of a young man without a torso, and in extremely scanty clothing, could be interpreted by the verses that end the pericope (Matthew 24:27–28): *For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.* The Church Fathers interpreted the carcass (torso) to represent the crucified Saviour, while the eagles signify the righteous who will rush to him on the Day of Last Judgment. To present these important pericope verses, whose meaning is so difficult to illustrate, the illuminator deprived the human figure of a trunk, turning his head to the east of the parchment page, to watch the lightning of Christ's Second Coming. The lack of a torso is additionally emphasised by the fact that the man's legs are turned towards the observer and his hands in the opposite direction. – D. Ćimović

* The scribe made a mistake here – he wrote *Monday*.

gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place – whoever reads, let him understand – then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless

105. Letter R, p. 101, fol. 51 v, 69 mm

