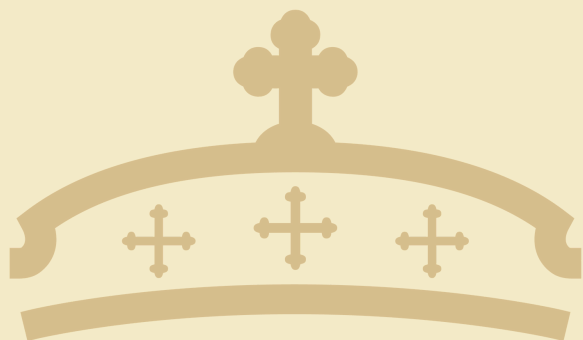


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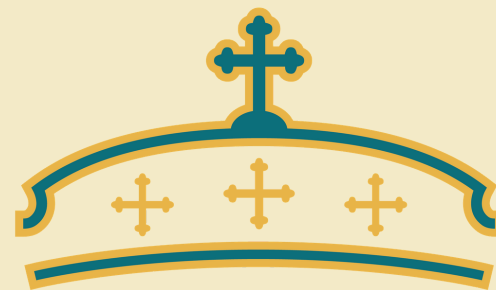


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St. Anthony Orthodox Church

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Our mission: We pray and strive to bear witness to the Orthodox Faith by caring for the people of God and our neighbor and to embody Christ's teachings through prayer, study, and hospitality. We live to proclaim the fullness of the Orthodox faith in our lives and to the city of Butler as we share our love, fellowship, and charitable works.

**Ancestors of the Lord
(Sunday of the Forefathers of Christ)
December 13, 2020**



Remember in Your Prayers:

LIVING: Newborn Isaac (Heath); newly baptized Nicholas (DiNunzio); Larry Hamil (undergoing cancer treatment); Michael (Stephine's husband); Vassila (Georgia's godmother); Dollie; Maura (Andronic); Don (Dollie's brother); Ann (Wilson); Nyal, Jean's son-in-law (motorcycle accident); Joseph Totin; Christine (Abraham); Venetia; Maura; Ann; Ed, Peter, John, Jonathan and Joanna; Andrei; Kent, Bob, David (relatives of Jean); Diane; Susannah; Ed Sr (Totin).

DEPARTED: Joseph Sipos (Dolly's husband) Karen (Jane Best's daughter); Frank (Seba's brother); Kurt (Melinda's father); Jackie (Rose Totin's mother); Maria (Stella Lyras' sister); Sula; Kurt (Diane's son); Norma; Miltiades; Tim (Becker); Silviu; Ross (Chrissi's friend); Richard Johns; Viorica; Bishop Antoun; Vito (DiPento); Jim and Marion (Raimondi); Stephanie (Yazge); Job; George (Georgiades); Abie (Abraham); Bill (Thomas); Marta.

At the Little Entrance

O' Come let us worship and fall down before Christ!
*Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, as we sing to Thee:
Alleluia!*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 2):

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death,
O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell
with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from
beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee:
O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS (Tone 2)

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through
them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church
of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from
their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth
to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God,
save our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ST. HERMAN (Tone 4)

Blessed ascetic of the northern wilds and gracious
intercessor for the whole world, teacher of the Orthodox Faith, good
instructor of piety, adornment of Alaska and joy of all America, holy
Father Herman, pray to Christ God that He save our souls.

TROPARION OF SAINT ANTHONY (Tone 4 Russian):

Like the zealous Elijah thou didst become and followed John the
Baptist in his upright ways. A dweller in the wilderness, thou didst
steady the world by prayer. O Father Anthony, intercede with Christ
our God for our souls' salvation.

KONTAKION: THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST (Tone 3):

Today the Virgin gives birth, to the Transcendent One, and the earth
presents a cave, to the Unapproachable One. Angels with shepherds
give Him glory, wiseman follow a star as they journey to Him who is
God of all ages, yet for our sake is born as a little child.

TONE 2, Eothinon 5– Martyrs Eustratios, Auxentios, Eugene, Mardarios, and Orestes at Sebastia; Virgin-martyr Lucia of Syracuse; Hieromartyr Gabriel, patriarch of Serbia

First Antiphon:

-It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy Name, O Most High! -To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy and Thy truth by night! -Upright is the Lord our God and there is no unrighteousness in Him!

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

-Glory... Both now... **(Refrain)**

Second Antiphon:

-The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength and has girt Himself! -For He established the world which not be shaken!

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, as we chant to Thee, Alleluia!

-Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days!
(Refrain)

-Glory... Both now...**(Refrain)**

Only begotten Son and Word of God...

Announcements

- Please bring canned goods and other dry foods each Sunday. We will be giving donations to the Butler, St. Vincent de Paul Ministry every week until Christmas.
- Friends, we remain in arrears on our stewardship in this crazy year. Please do your best to help us meet our obligations.

Christmas Eve Matins-Royal Hours 0915am
Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy
10:00am, December 24

Christmas Day Festal Matins-Royal Hours 0915am
Feast of the Nativity of Christ
10:00am, December 25



Today's Epistle Reading:

Prokeimenon:

"Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us."

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians (3:4-11).

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Today's Gospel Reading:

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (14:16-24)

At The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master.

Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."