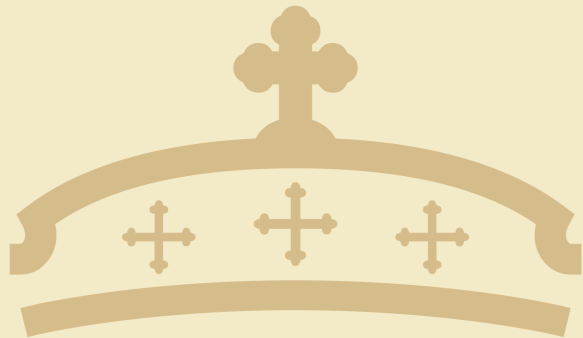


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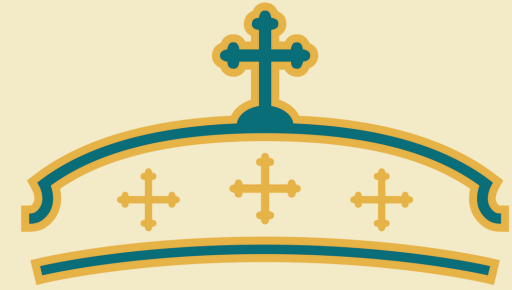
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St. Anthony Orthodox Church

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Our mission: We strive to bear witness to the Orthodox Faith by caring for the people of God and our community and to embody Christ's teachings through the practice of 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 with others our love, fellowship, and charitable works.

**Sunday before the Theophany of Christ
January 5th, 2025**

Tone 3 / Eothion 6: Martyrs Theopemptos the bishop of Nicomedia and Theonas the former magician; Venerable Syncletica of Alexandria; and Venerable-martyr Romanos of Athos

First Antiphon:

-Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy Name. **(Re)**

-The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all. **(Re)**

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

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

Second Antiphon:

-Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God, while I have my being. **(Re)**

-The Lord is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works. **(Re)**

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

-The Lord will reign forever, thy God O Zion, throughout all generations. **(Re)**

-Glory... Both now...(Re)

Only begotten Son and Word of God...



WELCOME

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- Thank you for coming today and praying with us.
- Please sign up for **Refreshment dates** in February. Thank You.
- Sunday January 12th we will welcome Tyler into the Holy Orthodox Church by baptism and christmation.
- Feast of St. Anthony PARISH POTLUCK PARTY - January 19th. Everyone please bring their favorite dish!

Remember in Your Prayers:

LIVING: Dollie; Maura (Andronic); Joseph (Totin); Christine (Abraham); Venetia; Maura; Anne; Ed, Peter, John, Mother Barbara, Jonathan and Joanna; Andrei; Diane; Susannah; David, Evelyn, Sally, Courtney, Jean, Jennifer, Jesse, Kaela, Elsa, Brad, Moses, Lee, Christina, Tyler, Jacob, Maria, Ann, Aaron, Erin, Spencer, and Christy

DEPARTED: Karen (Jane Best's daughter); Joseph Sipos (Dolly's husband), 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, Lance, Glenn, Kent (Jean's husband), Carol, Jeffrey, Janet (Seba's Sister), Jason, Michael, Bonnie, and Norm

At the Little Entrance

Come let us worship and fall down before Christ.

**Save us, O Son of God, Who are risen from the dead
as we chant to thee, Alleluia**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE EVE OF THEOPHANY (Tone 4)

River Jordan was turned back by Elisseus' mantle once, * when the fiery man of zeal Elias had been taken up; * then were its waters divided hither and thither. * The running streams became dry passage unto him, * truly as a sign and type of Baptism, * whereby we pass to the other side of * the shifting stream of this fleeting life. * Christ hath appeared in the Jordan River, to sanctify the waters.

TROPARION OF ST. 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 OF THE FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY (Tone 4)

In the running waters of * the Jordan River, * on this day the Lord of all * crieth to John: Be not afraid * and hesitate not to baptize Me, * for I am come to save Adam, the first-formed man.

Today's Epistle Reading:

Prokeimenon:

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God.

The Reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Timothy (4: 5-8)

My child Timothy, be watchful in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the season of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, and I have guarded the faith.

Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will reward me at that day, and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved His appearing.

Today's Gospel Reading:

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (1:1-8)

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He Who is mightier than I, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."