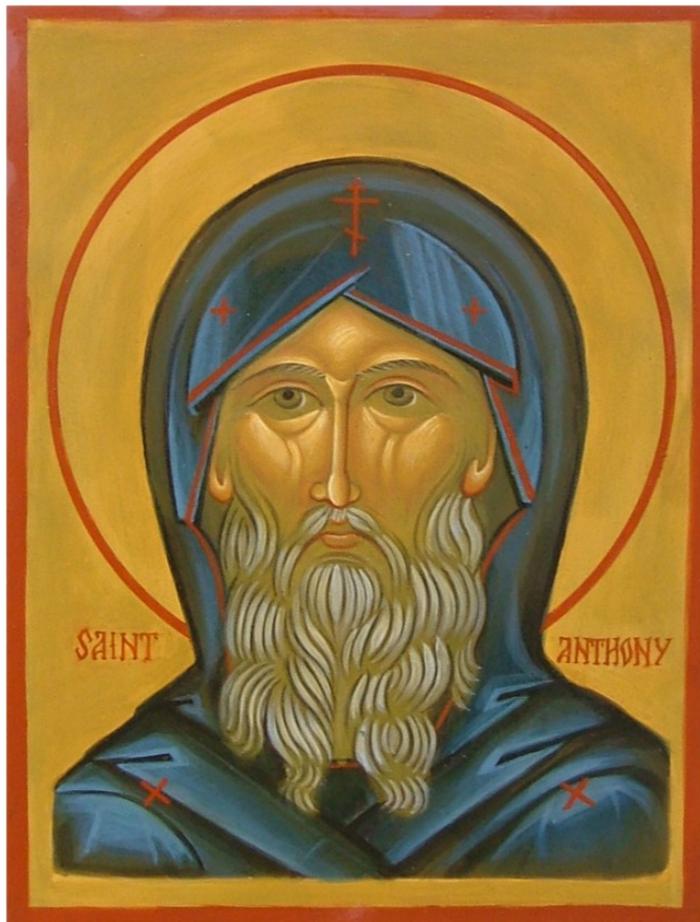


# SAINT ANTHONY ORTHODOX CHURCH



**W**elcome!

It is a great joy to celebrate the Divine Liturgy together with our Orthodox brothers and sisters in the Butler area. A warm welcome also to any other visitors and inquirers: even though we cannot yet extend an invitation to the Eucharistic cup, please be our guests, pray with us, and join us for the lunch following the service!

**S**aint Anthony the Great (251–356) lived in the Egyptian wilderness. After years of intense spiritual struggle in solitude, he made himself available to others seeking his prayers, blessing, and spiritual counsel. God worked powerfully through his saint, whose many gifts led to his surname, “the Great.” Through the holiness of his life he offered living proof of the Orthodox view of salvation: Christ

became man so that we may be deified.

**S**ince we are celebrating Saint Anthony the Great, “the father of monks,” we intend to take a special collection to assist the nuns at the Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Ellwood City. Please be generous to these followers of Saint Anthony, who remember us always in their prayers before God.

**T**oday we gather to celebrate but also to learn from Saint Anthony. Our guest speaker is Dr. Tim Becker, a student of the Fathers, a scholar, and an ardent seeker for the fullness of Truth.

**T**his is also a day of feasting! Our parish will treat you to a spectacular chili lunch, with many, many types of chilis: hot, mild, with beans, no beans, vegan, Texas style, Chicago Style, etc, etc, etc.

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*I saw the snares of the devil all over the world, and I said, "What can possibly escape these snares?" And I heard a voice saying, "Humility!" (Anthony the Great)*

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## HYMNS AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

*Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ! O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia"!*

RESURRECTION (Tone 7): Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open Paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

SAINTS ATHANASIUS AND CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA (tone 3): Shining forth with work of Orthodoxy, you quenched every false belief and teaching, and became trophy-beareres and conquerors. And since you made things rich with true piety, greatly adorning the Church with magnificence, Athanasius and wise Cyril, you justly found Christ God, Who through your prayers doth grant great mercy unto all!

SAINT ANTHONY THE GREAT (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.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Tone 1): Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy Birth, and didst bless Symeon's hands as was meet, by anticipation hast even now saved us, O Christ God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loves, O only Friend of man!

## TODAY'S APOSTLE READING

*O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee have I cried, O Lord, my God.*

***The Reading is from St Paul's Epistle to Timothy:*** Timothy my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages, Amen! (1 Tim 1:15-17)

## TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

***The Reading is from the Gospel according to Saint Luke***

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? And Jesus said to him, Why do you call Me good? Noone is good but God alone. You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother. And the man said, All these I have observed from my youth. When Jesus heard it, he said to him, One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me. But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. Those who heard it said, Then who can be saved? Jesus said, What is impossible for human beings is possible for God. (Luke 18:18-27)

**32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —Athanasius the Great (373) and Cyril (444), Archbishops of Alexandria; Ven. Marcian of Cyrrhus in Syria (ca. 388).**