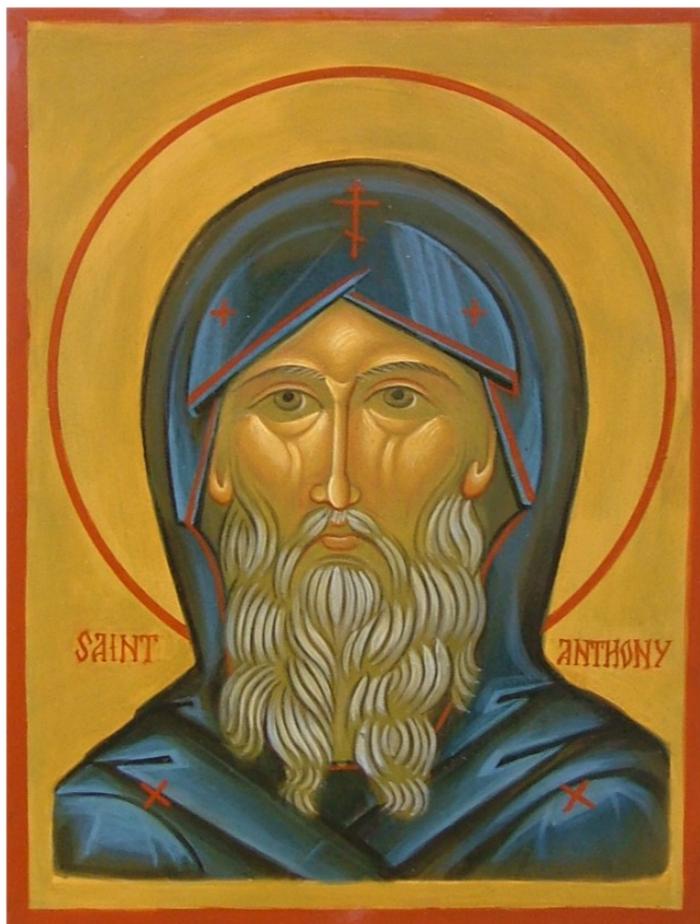


SAINT ANTHONY ORTHODOX CHURCH



Welcome! 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!

Saint 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.

Since 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.

We are blessed to receive pastoral visitation of our diocesan hierarch, **His Grace Bishop Thomas**, and to have as our honored guest and speaker is **His Eminence, Archbishop Melchisedek of the OCA**.

This 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.

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"! (Saint Anthony the Great)

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"!

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 8): From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

TROPARION OF ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT: 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 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (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

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?*

The Reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews: Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory forever and ever, Amen. (Heb 13:17-21)

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

The Reading is from the Gospel according to Saint Luke

At that time, the Lord came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets. (Luke 6:17-23)

Following Divine Liturgy, we will serve the Trisagion for the repose of the souls of the servants of God the priest Antonios (Helmi) and Richard (Michaels). Please remember them in your prayers.