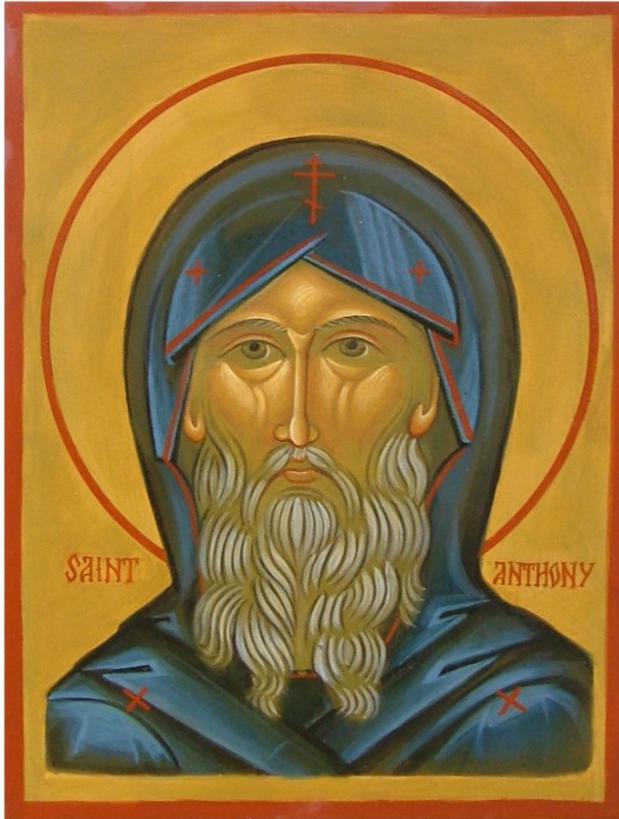


SAINT ANTHONY ORTHODOX CHURCH



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.

Our guest speaker is **Fr. Thomas Mueller** from Milwaukee, WI, a priest with many decades of service as a pastor, confessor, missionary, and dean. Under the heading ***Consolation in the Midst of Sorrow: A Personal Reflection on the Communion of the Saints***, he will speak to us on Saturday evening, on Sunday at Liturgy and later in the fellowship hall.

Following Divine Liturgy, we will serve the Trisagion for the repose of the souls of the servant of God the priest Antonios (Helmi).

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 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!

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 FOR THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (Tone 1): Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb and bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us: preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

*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?*

(**Heb 13:17-21**) 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.

(**Luke 19:1-10**) At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost." (**Luke 6:17-23**) 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.