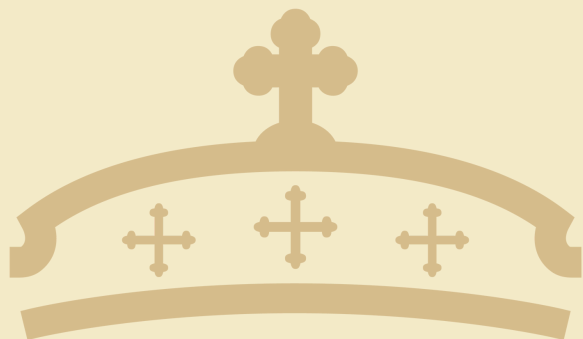


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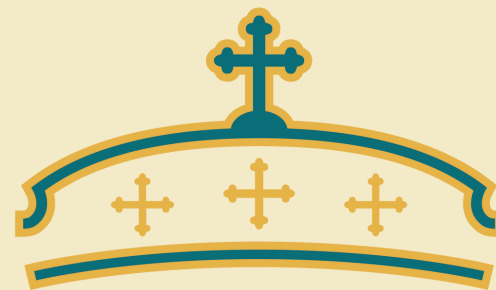
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Our mission: We strive to bear witness to the Orthodox Faith by caring for the people of God and our community and to embody Christ's teachings through the practice of prayer, study, and hospitality. We live to proclaim the fullness of the Orthodox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

**The Twelfth Sunday of Matthew
August 31st, 2025**

Tone 3, Eothinon 1– Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople; Hieromartyr Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, and the placing of the sash of the Theotokos

First Antiphon:

--It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy Name, O Most High! **(Re)**

-Upright is the Lord our God and there is no unrighteousness in Him! **(Re)**

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

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

Second Antiphon:

-The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength and has girt Himself! **(Re)**

-For He established the world which shall not be shaken! **(Re)**

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! **(Re)**

Only begotten Son and Word of God...

WELCOME



Thanks for praying with us today!

If you are able, please consider a financial gift for our recent Air Conditioning repair. We are trying to replace \$1200 in our small budget.

Thanks!



Remember in Your Prayers:

LIVING: 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, Heather, Erin, Spencer, Leland, Christy, Bailey

DEPARTED: Dolores Sipos, 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

O 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 PLACING OF THE VIRGIN'S SASH (Tone 8)

"Thou hast bestowed upon thy city, O ever-virgin Theotokos and shelter of mankind, the robe and the belt of thy pure body, as a secure mantle, which by thy seedless birth-giving have remained without corruption; for by thee are nature and time regenerated. Wherefore, we implore thee to grant thy city safety, and our souls the Great Mercy."

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 FOR PLACING OF THE VIRGIN'S SASH (Tone 2)

"Thy precious sash, O Theotokos, which encompassed thy God-receiving womb, is an invincible force for thy flock, and an unfailing treasury of every good, O only Ever-virgin Mother."

Today's Epistle Reading:

Prokeimenon:

“My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.”

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (9:1-7)

“Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron’s rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.”

Today's Gospel Reading:

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (9:16-26)

“At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, 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.”

When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”