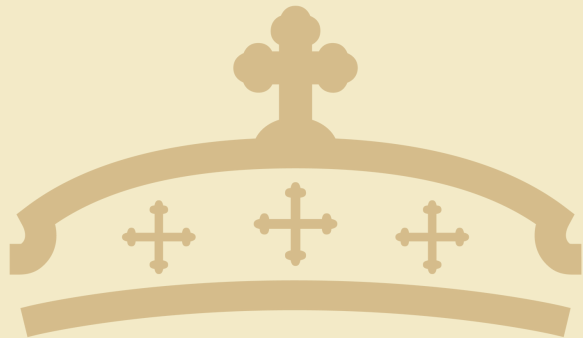


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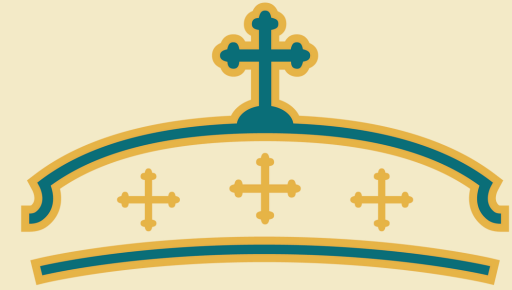
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Our mission: We strive to bear witness to the Orthodox Faith by caring for the people of God and our community and to embody Christ's teachings through the practice of prayer, study, and hospitality. We live to proclaim the fullness of the Orthodox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

**First Sunday of Great Lent
(Sunday of Orthodoxy)
March 9th, 2025**

First Antiphon:

-The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty. The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength. For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved. **(Re)**

-Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can cause all his praises to be heard? Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy. **(Re)**

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

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

Second Antiphon:

-Let them praise the Lord for His mercies, and for His wonderful works to the children of men. **(Re)**

-Let them exalt Him in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the seat of the elders. **(Re)**

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

-The eyes of the Lord are upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy; to hear the groaning of the prisoners, to loosen the sons of the slain. **(Re)**

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

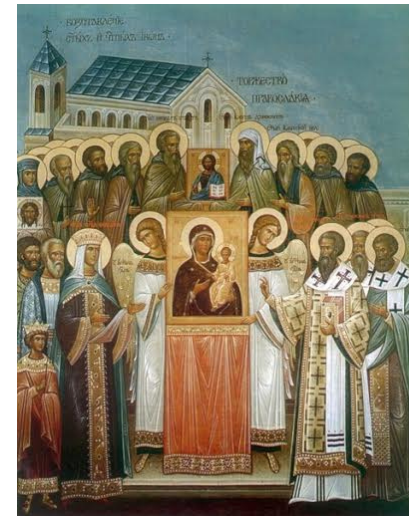
Only begotten Son and Word of God...

WELCOME

- Thank you for coming today and praying with us.
- **Rummage & Bake Sale: April 4th & 5th, 2025.**
- **General Parish Meeting/Assembly: March 16th.**
We hope you will remain to attend.
- **We will begin an Online Book (Catechesis) Study beginning Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00pm.**

Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy (6:30PM-ALL)

- *March 12th at St.Peter&Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church*
- *March 19th at St.Anthony Orthodox Church*
- *March 26th at St.Peter&Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church*
- *April 2nd at St. Anthony Orthodox Church*
- *April 9th at St. Anthony Orthodox Church*



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, Leland, 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 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (Tone 2)

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to thee: Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE 40 HOLY MARTYRS OF SEBASTIA (Tone 1)

Be Thou entreated for the sake of the sufferings of Thy Saints which they endured for Thee, O Lord, and do Thou heal all our pains, we pray, O Lover of mankind.

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 FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT (Tone 8)

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

Today's Epistle Reading:

Prokeimenon:

Thou, O Lord, will preserve us and keep us from this generation. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (12:1-10)

Brethren, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely; and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus: the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him Who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons? "My son: do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by Him; for the Lord disciplines him whom He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father?

Today's Gospel Reading:

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe?"

You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."