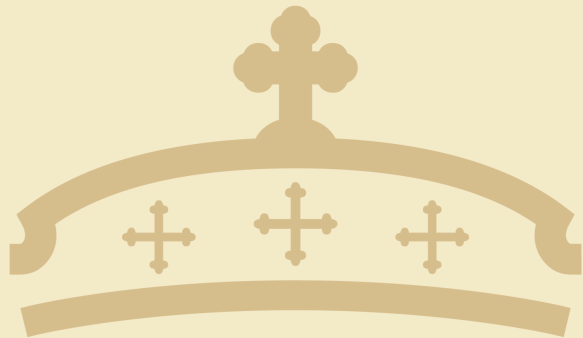


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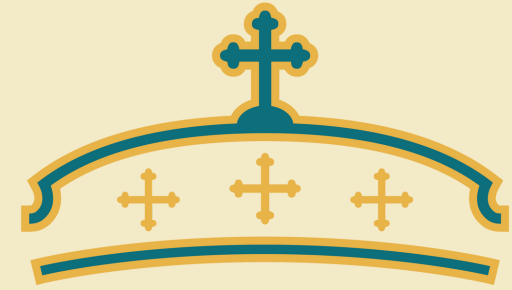
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Our mission: We strive to bear witness to the Orthodox Faith by caring for the people of God and our community and to embody Christ's teachings through the practice of prayer, study, and hospitality. We live to proclaim the fullness of the Orthodox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

**Fourth Sunday of Great Lent
Commemoration of John Climacus
April 14, 2024**

Tone 4 - Eothion 1: We commemorate John Climacus, Author of “The Ladder” and, Apostles Aristarchos, Pudens and Trophymos of the Seventy

First Antiphon:

–“The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, has been signed upon us. Thou hast given to those that fear thee a sign, to flee from the bow”. **(Re)**

–“Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive. Thou hast given an inheritance to those that fear Thy Name, O Lord”. **(Re)**

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

–Glory... Both now... **(Re)**

Second Antiphon:

–“All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Let us worship at the place where His feet have stood”. **(Re)**

–“God is our King before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.” **(Re)**

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

–“I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth”. **(Re)**

–Glory... Both now... **(Re)**

Only begotten Son and Word of God...

Great Lent: Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy Wednesday Services

ALL SERVICES BEGIN AT 6:30PM during the week

St. Anthony - April 10, 2024

Sts Peter & Paul - April 17

St. Anthony - April 24th



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, and Ann.

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, and Bonnie Weaver

At the Little Entrance

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ!

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

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 1)

“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 ST, JOHN CLIMACUS (Tone 8)

“The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls”

TROPARION OF ST 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”.

KONTAKION: 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:

“O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (6:13-20)

“Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.” And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For people indeed swear by what is greater, and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation. So when God, being minded to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel, He interposed it with an oath, that by two immutable things—in which it is impossible for God to lie—we might have a strong consolation, we, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope that is set before us; a hope, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and entering into “that which is within the veil,” where Jesus entered as a Forerunner on our behalf, having become a High Priest “forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Today's Gospel Reading:

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (9:17-31)

“At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And Jesus answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me.” And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has he had this?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And Jesus said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.”

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day.”