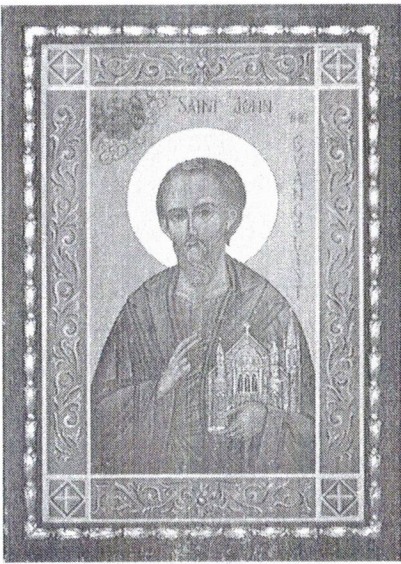




# *St. Anthony the Great*

struggles with the devil in the desert

**January 14, 2023**



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PASTOR: REVEREND FATHER STEVEN SHAHEEN

REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

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*We take this opportunity to welcome those guests praying with us.*

*Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer,  
please contact Fr. Steven*

*The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshipping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread. Please see Father Steven after Divine Liturgy.*

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**Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, January 14, 2024**

**Leave-Taking of & Sunday after the Theophany**

**Holy fathers slain at Sinai and Raithu; Holy Martyr Agnes**

### **THE FIRST ANTIPHON**

When Israel went out of Egypt, and the house of Jacob from among a barbarous people; Judah became His sanctuary; Israel His dominion. Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. The sea beheld and fled: Jordan turned back. What aileth thee, O sea, that thou fleddest? And thou Jordan, that thou didst turn back? (Refrain) Glory... Both now... (Refrain)

### **THE SECOND ANTIPHON**

I am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. For He hath inclined His ear unto me, and in my days will I call upon Him. Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to Thee. Alleluia. The pangs of death have encompassed me; the perils of hades have found me. Tribulation and sorrow have I found, and I called upon the name of the Lord. (Refrain) Merciful is the Lord, and righteous; and our God hath mercy. (Refrain) Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God... forever.

### THE THIRD ANTIPHON

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let them now who fear the Lord confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

### APOLYTIKION OF SAINT JOHN

Apostle John, speaker of deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people, powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him therefore to disperse the darkness of ignorance, and pray for peace and great mercy to be shown upon us.

### THE EISODIKON OF THE LEAVE-TAKING OF THEOPHANY

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. The Lord is God and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

- After the Entrance, sing the hymns in the following order below.

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

## THE EPISTLE

(For the Sunday after Theophany of Christ)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Sunday after Theophany of Christ)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

**Prayers are offered for the health and well-being of:**

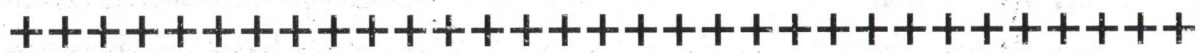
**Debbie, Jim (Health), Jeffery, Ann, Aiden, Shannon, William (Cancer), Donald, Harriett (Health), Jan (Health) Fr. Andrew (Health),**

**For Thou are the Resurrection, the Life, and the Repose of Thy servants who have fallen asleep especially:**

**Prayers are offered in memory of Patriarch Ignatius IV, Metropolitan Philip, Bishop Antoun, Archbishop Peter, Archbishop Michael, Igumen George, Archpriest Peter, Archpriest Theodore, Dn. Larry, Sh. Peggy, Priest Basil, Priest Solobadon, and Archpriest John, Mary, Infant Clyde Eddy, Child Mica, Mother Nektaria,, Janis, ND AP Moses, ND Pat, Eleanor and Dn Innocent.**

**These will be updated monthly.**

**See Fr. Steven to add names**



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

**"Be fearful that you do not become famous because of some work that you do. If they begin to praise you because of your work, do not rejoice or take delight in it, but keep your works secret as much as you can, and do not allow anyone to speak about them." - St. Anthony the Great**

**Trisagion Today**  
**ND Archpriest Moses Berry**  
**ND Pat Tony**  
**Eleanor Shaheen**

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**Welcome Back Joann!**

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**Thank you all for your prayers while I was recovering.**

**Fr. Steven**

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**Thank you for your help Fr. Seraphim!**

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**Know your Soul.**

**Because the Devil is always waiting.**

**- Fr. Steven**



## Pat Tony

She will be remembered as an excellent wife, mother, and grandmother, whose family was the center of her life.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 55 years, George Tony; a son George D. Tony, and a son-in-law, John Paulin.

She will be sadly missed by her children, Patricia Paulin, William (Anne Marie) Tony, and Brian (Deborah) Tony; four grandchildren, Kayleigh, Amanda, Evan (Michelle), and Maggie; a special niece, Vivian Werst, and many loving cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Friends will be received Wednesday, January 17, 2024, from 3pm until 7pm at TATALOVICH FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES, INC., CENTER TWP., 3475 Brodhead Rd., Monaca, PA 15061, where a service will be held Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 10am, with Fr. Stephen Shaheen, her pastor, officiating.

Entombment will follow at Beaver Cemetery Mausoleum, Beaver, PA.

Trisagion (blessing service) will be held Wednesday at 6:45pm in the funeral home.

The family would like to thank the staff at Gentiva Hospice, and her devoted caregiver, Mary Brooks, for all their kindness and loving care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Orthodox Church, 1501 8th Ave, Beaver Falls, PA 15010

## House Blessings

**It is that time of year!**

**Please see Fr. Steven or Fr. Seraphim to have your home  
or business blessed!**

**Fr. Steven (724) 448-1723**

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## Cemetery Visitations

During January, Father will be making his rounds to all

Of our family members who have passed.

Please let him know if you would like him to visit the

Final resting place of your family members.

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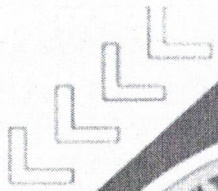
Special Thank you to all of you who serve or sing,

Who help keep my ministry going here in Beaver Falls.

A special thank you to Dan Volitich for overseeing the  
roof project, using countless of hours of his work time to bring

Our major project to fruition.

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## THE PATRIARCH OF MONKS

**H**ere is a question one may ask: WHICH IS MORE PLEASING TO GOD? SELF-DENIAL AND ISOLATION IN THE DESERT OR GOOD WORKS OF MERCY AMONG THE CROWDS? One can see value in each.

A man of prayer in the desert may think that without the solitude, one cannot do what is right. It would be too difficult to keep his heart pure and his mind fixed on God.

Conversely, someone who was doing good works among his fellow man, may feel that the desert-dweller is too occupied with his OWN salvation. This may come at the EXPENSE of his fellow man. We will never fully know, but our Church believes that BOTH are equally pleasing in the eyes of God. Both servants are perfect before our Maker.

One such pious example of SELF-DENIAL and ISOLATION is ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT, pictured on the bulletin today. Born in Egypt in the year 251 A.D., he lived to the advanced age of 105. His long lifespan was filled with service to the Lord as the "PATRIARCH OF MONASTIC LIFE." His good advice and wise counsel was sought by many. The Church Fathers wrote this about St. Anthony the Great: *"O Father Anthony, you imitated the zealous Elijah in your manner of living. You followed the straight path of John the Baptist and became a desert dweller. By prayer, you confirmed the Universe. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls."* Amen.

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