

## TWELVE THINGS TO KNOW



Fr. Ignatius is willing to meet with any parishioner or visitor by appt. To schedule, email him at [frignatius@holytrinity-oca.org](mailto:frignatius@holytrinity-oca.org) or call him at 814-231-2855.



Only those united to the Orthodox Church through Baptism, Chrismation, regular Confession, prayer, and fasting may partake of Holy Communion.



The service will last about 1.5 hours. Many people stand, but feel free to take a seat if needed. See † on page 2 for times when one should stand, if able.



Help us keep in touch with you! Sign the guest register in the Narthex (vestibule) and provide your email (for weekly update) and/or snail mail (for monthly newsletter).



Restrooms are located down the stairs & past the kitchen. There is also an ADA restroom on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Trinity House. See a greeter for assistance.



Welcome, PSU students! Get involved in our active campus ministry program by seeing a fellow student or emailing [orthodox@psu.edu](mailto:orthodox@psu.edu).



Please join us downstairs for coffee and snacks following Divine Liturgy. We would love to get to know you!



Holy Trinity has an education program for kids K-12, which meets Sundays at 9am (Sept. – May). Contact Pdn. Mark for info.



There is a crying room/nursery downstairs. Audio of the service is piped in!



If you need a ride to church, please contact Mka. Kelly Oleynik. Text: (814) 360-8425, Landline: (814) 308-9109, email: [ohkellyoh@hotmail.com](mailto:ohkellyoh@hotmail.com).



Our bookstore, located next door in Trinity House, is a great resource for all things Orthodox.



On Sundays, 27 spaces are available at the SW corner of Calder Way and Lark Alley. Other days, only the gravel spots are open.

### FOR THE RECORD

#### ATTENDANCE

Holy Trinity (12/5):	69
Chapel of the Holy Spirit (12/5):	28

#### YOUR GENEROSITY

<b>Weekly Budget Goal:</b>	<b>\$4,923</b>
Collection (12/5):	\$5,228
Average – Last 4 Weeks:	\$4,203
Average – Last 12 Weeks:	\$4,273
Average – Last 52 Weeks:	\$4,227

### CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY SUPPER

On Christmas Eve beginning at 4:30 p.m., the parish will share a traditional Holy Supper and everyone is invited. (The custom of the “holy supper” comes from central Europe and parts of Russia. It provided the family a time to gather and share the last meal of the Fast prior to attending the evening liturgical services.) Please sign up to bring a Lenten dish (to serve 6-12 people) in the Parish Hall so that we may have a variety of dishes.



# HOLY TRINITY

ORTHODOX CHURCH

## Building Up the Church Beyond Our Parish

~ Holy Trinity Church is a community of Orthodox Christians seeking to glorify God by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its entirety to all people in the Centre Region and beyond ~

**December 12, 2021**

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

[holytrinity-oca.org](http://holytrinity-oca.org)

# THE DIVINE LITURGY

## GATHERING the Church

- ♦ Great Litany (p.29) †
- ♦ The Antiphons (p.32)

## PROCLAIMING the Word

- ♦ Little Entrance (p.39) †
- ♦ Today's Hymns (see next column)
- ♦ Epistle Reading: *Colossians 3:4-11*
- ♦ Gospel Reading: *Luke 14:16-24* †
- ♦ Sermon

## THANKSGIVING for Redemption

- ♦ The Offering
- ♦ Great Entrance (p.57) †
- ♦ The Creed (p.63) †
- ♦ The Anaphora (p.64) †
- ♦ The Lord's Prayer (p.75) †
- ♦ Communion Hymn
- ♦ Communion of the Faithful †
- ♦ Litany of Thanksgiving (p.87)

## SENDING to Serve

- ♦ Dismissal & Veneration of the Cross\*
- ♦ This Week's Events (see opposite page)

† All stand.

\* All are welcome to greet the priest and kiss the cross, if they choose, at the end of the service.

Note: page numbers correspond to black Divine Liturgy book, available in the Narthex.

**His Eminence +Melchisedek**, Archbishop of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania

**Father Ignatius Hunter**, Rector

**Protodeacon Mark Oleynik**, Director of Christian Ed.

## TODAY'S HYMNS

### TROPARIA

#### Resurrection (Tone 8)

Thou didst descend from on high O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

#### Forefathers of Christ (Tone 2)

Through faith Thou didst justify the Forefathers, betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: she who bore Thee without seed. So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us! *Glory... Now and ever...*

### KONTAKION

#### Forefathers of Christ (Tone 6)

You did not worship the graven image, O thrice-blessed ones, but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, you were glorified in a trial by fire. From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying: "Hasten, O compassionate One! Speedily come to our aid, for Thou art merciful and able to do as Thou dost will!"

### PROKEIMENON

#### Forefathers of Christ (Tone 4)

Blessed art Thou O Lord God of our fathers and praised and glorified is Thy name forever.

**Father David Smith**, Associate Rector and

**Priest-in-Charge**, Chapel of the Holy Spirit

# WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed through your participation in our services today. If this is your first time with us, please see our "Things to Know" on the back page. And if you have any questions, please ask one of our greeters!

## TODAY'S HYMNS (continued)

### COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the Heavens! Praise Him in the Highest!

Rejoice in the Lord O ye righteous. Praise befits the just. Alleluia...

## ST. NICHOLAS TREE DRIVE

Our Saint Nicholas Tree drive enables the disadvantaged in our community to receive gifts through the *Matthew 25 Ministry's* partnership with Strawberry Fields. This year we will be providing gifts to 40 people (16 adults and 24 children) who would not otherwise have any presents to open on Christmas. Each tag on the tree has the recipient's age, gender, and wish. To participate, take a tag and bring the wrapped gift(s) back with the tag securely fastened. **Today is the last day to take a tag from the tree, and the deadline for dropping off gifts at church is Sunday, December 19.** Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## BIRTHDAYS

Karen Cattell (12/13), Daniel Hunter (12/15). **Many Years!**

**Sundays:** Divine Liturgy, 10am

**Saturdays:** Great Vespers, 6pm

**Wednesdays:** Vespers, 6pm

**Appointments:** office@holytrinity-oca.org, 814-231-2855

**Inquiries into Orthodoxy:** info@holytrinity-oca.org

**Additional Resources:** holytrinity-oca.org

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

Baptism of Theodora Hunter 9:00 AM  
Memorial for James and Margaret VanDerlin 11:45 AM

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

**St. Herman of Alaska**

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Confessions 4:00 PM  
Vespers 6:00 PM  
Confessions Following

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Paraklesis to the Theotokos 6:00 PM

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Altar Society Decorating 10:00 AM  
Choir Rehearsal 4:00 PM  
Christmas Play Practice 4:45 PM  
Great Vespers 6:00 PM  
Confessions Following

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Baptism of Alexander Miller 9:00 AM  
Sunday School 9:00 AM  
Third and Sixth Hours 9:40 AM  
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM  
Sunday School Christmas Play 12:00 PM  
Vespers 6:00 PM