

## TWELVE THINGS TO KNOW



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.



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



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.



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).



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



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).



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



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



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



Holy Trinity provides guidance to the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, our growing Orthodox mission in Beavertown. Contact Father David for details.



Lost and left items are kept for you in the Parish Hall Office. After several weeks, unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



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 (12/13):	69
Chapel of the Holy Spirit (12/13):	15

#### YOUR GENEROSITY

<b>Weekly Budget Goal:</b>	<b>\$5,300</b>
Collection (12/13):	\$2,923
Average – Last 4 Weeks:	\$4,475
Average – Last 12 Weeks:	\$4,349
Average – Last 52 Weeks:	\$4,729

### ST. NICHOLAS TREE

Thank you to all who participated in this year's St. Nicholas Tree drive! **The deadline for dropping off gifts at the church or arranging a contactless pickup is tomorrow, Monday, December 21.** Please wrap each gift and include a tag with the recipient's number. Thank you!

#### WISDOM FROM THE FAITH

"I never saw anyone corrected with anger, but always with love."

~ St. Joseph the Hesychast



# 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 20, 2020**

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

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ  
Sunday before the Nativity

[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: *Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40*
- ♦ Gospel Reading: *Matthew 1:1-25* †
- ♦ 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 (see opposite page)
- ♦ 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.

## TODAY'S HYMNS

### TROPARIA

#### Resurrection (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

#### Forefeast of the Nativity (Tone 4)

Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all! Adorn yourself, O Ephratha, for the tree of life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave! Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with the Divine Fruit: if we eat of it, we shall live forever and not die like Adam. Christ comes to restore the image which He made in the beginning!

#### Ancestors of Christ (Tone 2)

Great are the accomplishments of faith, for the Three Holy Youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though in the waters of rest; and the prophet Daniel appeared, a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. So by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls! *Glory...*

# 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)

### KONTAKIA

#### Ancestors of Christ (Tone 1)

Rejoice, O Bethlehem! Prepare yourself, O Ephratha! The Lamb is on her way to give birth to the Chief Shepherd she carries in her womb. The God-bearing forefathers will rejoice, beholding Him, and with the shepherds, they will glorify the Virgin nursing Him. *Now and ever...*

#### Forefeast of the Nativity (Tone 3)

Today the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to the Eternal Word. Hear the glad tidings and rejoice, O universe! Glorify with the angels and the shepherd the Eternal God, who is willing to appear as a little child!

### PROKEIMENON

#### Forefeast of the Nativity (Tone 4)

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

### COMMUNION HYMNS

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

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the just. *Alleluia...*

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

Nativity Narrative 11:45 AM  
and Caroling at Parish Hall  
Vespers 6:00 PM

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

Vespers (Confessions Following) 6:00 PM

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

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

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

#### Eve of the Nativity

Vesperal Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM  
Nativity Vigil 6:00 PM

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

#### NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR

Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

#### Synaxis of the Theotokos

Great Vespers 6:00 PM

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

Third and Sixth Hours 9:40 AM  
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Father Ignatius Hunter, Rector  
Father David Smith, Associate Rector and  
Priest-in-Charge, Chapel of the Holy Spirit

Protodeacon Alexander Cadman, Director of  
Ministries and Chaplain, OCF at Penn State  
Deacon Mark Oleynik, Director of Christian Ed.

Sundays: Divine Liturgy, 10am  
Saturdays: Great Vespers, 6pm  
Wednesdays: Vespers, 6pm

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