

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 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 1st 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.



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.



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 (12/12):	89
Chapel of the Holy Spirit (12/12):	14

YOUR GENEROSITY

Weekly Budget Goal:	\$4,923
Collection (12/12):	\$4,615
Average – Last 4 Weeks:	\$3,762
Average – Last 12 Weeks:	\$4,312
Average – Last 52 Weeks:	\$4,248

CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY SUPPER

On Christmas Eve beginning at 4:30 p.m., the parish will share a traditional Holy Supper downstairs in Parish Hall (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 in Parish Hall to bring a Lenten dish (to serve 6-12 people) so that we may have a variety of foods. **All are welcome!**



HOLY TRINITY

O R T H O D O X C H U R C H

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 19, 2021

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of the Holy Fathers
Sunday before the Nativity

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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
- ♦ 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 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

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... Now and ever...*

KONTAKION

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.

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 you have any questions, please ask one of our greeters!

TODAY'S HYMNS (continued)

PROKEIMENON

Holy Fathers (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 ye righteous. Praise befits the just. *Alleluia...*

SPONSOR A POINSETTIA

Help us decorate the temple for Nativity! If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia this season in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please sign up in the narthex, or on our website, *by this Wednesday 12/22*. The cost is \$10 per plant. Thank you!

ST. NICHOLAS TREE DRIVE

On behalf of our charitable partner Strawberry Fields and the families they serve, thank you to all who participated in the St. Nicholas Tree drive! Because of your generosity, a total of 40 disadvantaged children and adults around our region will have gifts to open this Christmas.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

Baptism of Aleksander Miller	9:00 AM
Sunday School Christmas Play	12:00 PM
Vespers	6:00 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

Divine Liturgy	8:00 AM
Vespers (Confessions Following)	6:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Vespers (Confessions Following)	6:00 PM
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

Vespers (Confessions Following)	6:00 PM
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Eve of the Nativity

Vesperal Divine Liturgy	9:00 AM
Holy Supper	4:30 PM
Nativity Vigil	6:00 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Divine Liturgy	9:00 AM
Great Vespers	6:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

Synaxis of the Theotokos

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

His Eminence +Melchisedek, Archbishop of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania

Father Ignatius Hunter, Rector

Protodeacon Mark Oleynik, Director of Christian Ed.

Father David Smith, Associate Rector and

Priest-in-Charge, Chapel of the Holy Spirit

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