

Being the Hands of Christ in Our Community



On July 15th, volunteers helped load boxes for CommonFood, a local organization helping families in Centre County. The next opportunity to help is October 14th. See the News & Notes for details!

Site Survey: October Update

In the Psalms, the Holy David sings to us, “behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity” (Ps 132:1). Truly, it is good and pleasant, and I can express my sincere pride in our community after our initial parish meeting with K&W Engineers and Hoffman Leakey Architects last month. We dwelt together in unity of heart and expressed a number of points of view regarding our future callings in ministry, some of which probably can be fit together and others of which might not be able to be fit together. The key takeaways that I personally observed from our meeting were: (1) we do not believe we have sufficient worship space, fellowship space, or classroom space in our present facilities, (2) there is a strong desire in the parish to be more family friendly through more outside gathering/recreation/play space, (3) there is a strong desire in the parish for an Orthodox cemetery and more

traditional funerary practices, (4) there is a desire for an improved parking situation, and (5) there is a general acknowledgement that we need to do more to help individuals with disabilities attend and participate in our services.

In addition to these general takeaways, K&W presented us with a number of concrete challenges that we will face in terms of modifying our present facilities. (1) Our building footprint is “maxed out” at 119 S. Sparks St per borough code. (2) Trinity House (123 S. Sparks St) is registered with the Holmes Foster Historical District as a historical building, and so modifying its exterior or replacing it may prove difficult. (3) The gravel parking lot at 123 S. Sparks St is “grandfathered” and not in compliance with borough regulations, so we cannot pave it in its present configuration, and likely would

(continued, see SITE SURVEY, next page)

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH
119 S. Sparks Street
State College, PA 16801
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
STATE COLLEGE, PA
PERMIT NO. 289

Schedules

	COFFEE HOUR	GREETERS	TELLERS
Oct. 9	C. Swisher & S. Hunter	J. Houser & D. Swisher	K. Cattell & H. Torbic
Oct. 16	A. Ashmore & C. Pellock	A. Stickles & D. Swisher	M. Fiori & C. Johnson
Oct. 23	Russian Ladies	M. Fedkin & K. Bazilevskaya	G. Cattell & M. Fedkin
Oct. 30	A. Stickles & J. Miranda	J. Carrier & K. Oleynik	H. Torbic & C. Johnson
Nov. 6	L. Georgiou & K. Oleynik	J. Houser & D. Swisher	K. Cattell & M. Fedkin
Nov. 13	Potluck	A. Stickles & K. Oleynik	G. Cattell & M. Fiori

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

INCOME	2021 Actuals	2022 YTD ^α	2022 Budget	Proposed 2023 Budget	% Change
STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS	220,721	149,809	247,635	251,606	2%
PARKING ^γ	8,448	5,319	10,800	10,800	—
CANDLES / FLOWERS	2,867	2,050	2,900	2,900	—
MISC. (IN-KIND, REWARDS, ETC)	2,493	510	75	75	—
TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME	234,528	157,687	261,410	265,381	2%
EXPENSES					
PERSONNEL	127,892	86,286	129,020	129,502	<1%
RECTOR – STIPEND + HOUSING	76,364	52,424	78,636	80,024	2%
RECTOR – SOCIAL SEC. ALLOWANCE	—	† 3,008	—	† 6,629	See note
RECTOR – OCA PENSION	7,636	5,543	7,864	8,665	10%
BOOKKEEPER/OFFICE ASST.	9,488	7,535	10,000	10,000	—
CUSTODIAN	8,320	6,000	9,000	10,000	11%
COMMUNICATIONS COORD.	5,700	3,200	4,800	4,800	—
CHOIR DIRECTOR	3,600	2,400	3,600	4,800	25%
SUPPLY CLERGY	500	750	1,200	1,400	17%
CLERGY CONTINUING ED.	1,600	880	1,520	1,600	5%
CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP CHAPLAIN	6,900	2,800	4,800	0	(100%)
PAYROLL TAXES	7,785	† 1,746	7,600	† 1,584	See note
ARCHDIOCESE/OCA	28,791	19,492	30,540	35,975	18%
MORTGAGE ^β	27,330	18,220	26,820	27,330	2%
UTILITIES	11,751	10,472	12,280	13,700	12%
OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP	13,250	6,198	14,350	11,700	(18%)
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	6,395	4,215	5,400	6,275	16%
LITURGICAL	4,743	2,698	6,200	5,800	(6%)
PROPERTY	5,543	2,738	7,500	5,700	(24%)
INSURANCE	3,413	3,814	3,500	4,000	14%
LICENSES/FEES/SERVICE CHARGES	3,881	3,627	3,750	3,700	(1%)
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	716	225	2,750	1,700	(38%)
MATTHEW 25 OUTLAY	—	—	—	1,200	—
OTHER (REFURNISHING, ETC)	75	185	1,000	300	(70%)
RESTRICTED FUND OUTLAYS	15,948	10,319	18,300	18,500	1%
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND ^γ	8,448	5,319	10,800	10,800	—
PROPERTY RESERVE FUND	5,000	3,333	5,000	5,000	—
ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL FUND	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,500	—
DISCRETIONARY FUNDS	1,000	667	1,000	1,200	20%
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	249,729	168,491	261,410	265,381	2%

α 2022 YTD income and expenses are for 1-1-2022 through 8-31-2022.

β 8-31-2022 balance of 119/123 S. Sparks St mortgage was \$351,051.

γ All parking income is currently designated for the Capital Projects Fund.

† Prior to March 2022 the parish paid the standard employee Social Security and Medicare payroll taxes (FICA) on behalf of Father Ignatius. In March 2022, we learned that per US law (cf. IRS Pub. 517) ordained “ministers” are required to pay self-employment taxes (SECA) with regards to Social Security and Medicare. In order to move into compliance with federal tax law, we have separated out Fr. Ignatius’ portion of the “payroll tax” and pay it out differently on his paystub.

■ NEWS & NOTES

CommonFood

On Friday, October 14th at 6:30PM, we will be helping our neighbors by serving at CommonFood, a local non-profit that provides monthly nutritious food boxes to those in need in our area. We will need twelve volunteers to fill boxes with dry goods to be distributed the following day. Children 8+ are welcome to come with their parents! The event will take place at Unity Church of Jesus Christ (2280 Commercial Ave.). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Leoni Georgiou at leomcfar@comcast.net.

Carrier/Johnson Wedding

All are warmly invited to celebrate with us on November 6th at 3PM as Josie Carrier and Cameron Johnson are united in the mystery of Holy Matrimony. Come join us in prayer and celebration for this new young couple.

In Memoriam: James Jenness, Jr.

James R. Jenness, Jr. passed away on September 19th at Mt. Nittany hospital at the age of 97. He was laid to rest in Pine Grove Mills Cemetery on September 27th. May God grant him rest with the saints and may his memory be eternal.

“Prayer of the Veil,” Liturgy of St. James

We thank Thee, O Lord our God, that Thou hast given us the freedom of entry into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, inaugurating for us a new and living way through the veil of his flesh. Having therefore been counted worthy to enter the place where Thy glory dwells, and to be within the veil, and to look upon the Holy of Holies, we fall down before Thy goodness, O Master. Have mercy on us, for we are filled with fear and trembling as we are about to stand at Thy holy altar and to offer to Thee this dread sacrifice without shedding of blood for our sins and those committed in ignorance by the people. Send forth Thy good grace upon us, O God, and sanctify our souls and bodies and spirits, and change our thoughts towards true religion, that with a pure conscience we may offer Thee mercy, peace, a sacrifice of praise. And having uncovered the veils of the mysteries that symbolically surround this sacred rite, show us clearly, and fill our spiritual vision with Thy boundless light; and having cleansed our poverty from all defilement of flesh and spirit, make it worthy of this dread and fearful presence.

October Adult Education

Please join us on Sunday, October 30th for Adult Education. At 6PM, we will serve a Paraklesis service, which will be immediately followed by a talk “Struggles and Orthodox Prayer,” by Isaac Lampert. Mr. Lampert is the pastoral assistant and youth director at Holy Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Lancaster, PA, a Ph.D. candidate at University of Thessaloniki, and an expert in the subject of hesychastic theology. We would love to see you!

Liturgy of St. James

As the Feast of St. James "the Lord's Brother" falls on Sunday, October 23rd this year, we have been blessed by His Eminence to celebrate the ancient "Liturgy of St. James" in place of the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom on this day. The Liturgy of St. James was the typical parish liturgy of Jerusalem, Palestine, Mount Sinai, Georgia, and parts of the Levant from the 4th century until the time of the Crusades and was prayed almost daily by great saints of the Church such as Cyril of Jerusalem, Sabbas the Sanctified, and John Climacus. Through their prayers may God bless this occasion for the upbuilding of His holy Church.



<i>HTOC LIQUID ASSETS</i> <i>(As of 8-31-2022)</i>	
OPERATING CASH	(2,116)
RESTRICTED FUND ASSETS	76,022
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND ^γ	32,577
PROPERTY RESERVE FUND	17,691
ICON FUND	7,100
CAMPUS MINISTRY FUND	5,374
MATTHEW 25 FUND	4,599
CONT. ED. + DIS. FUNDS	2,628
BUILDING FUND	2,619
BOOKSTORE FUND	1,079
SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENT FUND	890
ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL FUND	582
OCF FOR THON FUND	310
CHOIR PROJECTS FUND	132
PARISHIONER ASSISTANCE FUND	50
MEMORIAL FUND	(345)
PASS THROUGH FUND	737
TOTAL HTOC LIQUID ASSETS	73,906

^γ The Capital Projects Fund is an internal savings fund currently funded exclusively through parking income.

<i>CHS LIQUID ASSETS</i> <i>(As of 8-31-2022)</i>	
OPERATING CASH	58,924
RESTRICTED FUND ASSETS	38,538
CHS BUILDING FUND	27,978
CHS MEMORIAL FUND	5,351
CONT. ED. + DIS. FUNDS	4,054
CHS MISSIONS FUND	1,154
TOTAL CHS LIQUID ASSETS	97,462

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

INCOME	2021 Actuals	2022 YTD ^α	2022 Budget	Proposed 2023 Budget	% Change
STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS	60,081	41,288	59,200	62,200	5%
HTOC CONTRIBUTIONS	6,300	2,000	3,000	3,000	–
TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME	66,381	43,288	62,200	65,200	5%
EXPENSES					
PERSONNEL	36,000	24,000	37,000	40,000	8%
PRIEST-IN-CHARGE	36,000	24,000	36,000	39,000	8%
SUPPLY CLERGY	–	–	1,000	1,000	–
MORTGAGE ^β	6,000	4,000	6,000	6,000	–
ARCHDIOCESE/OCA	4,560	3,695	5,600	5,300	(5%)
OPERATING EXPENSES	3,414	2,122	4,500	4,500	–
OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP	2,202	1,484	4,000	3,000	(25%)
UTILITIES	2,084	1,375	2,500	2,300	(8%)
PROPERTY	1,150	1,338	1,500	2,100	40%
INSURANCE	545	–	600	600	–
RESTRICTED FUND OUTLAYS	700	333	500	1,400	180%
DISCRETIONARY FUND	700	333	500	500	–
ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL FUND	–	–	–	900	(new)
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	56,656	38,348	62,200	65,200	5%

^α 2022 YTD income and expenses are for 1-1-2022 through 8-31-2022.

^β 08-31-2022 balance of 145 N. Kern St mortgage was \$137,000.

Annual Parish Meeting Information

Holy Trinity will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 13 following the Divine Liturgy (12 noon). Nominations are open for the Council positions of President, Vice President, and Grounds Chair. All agenda items must be submitted in writing to the Parish Council for review prior to November 6. Nothing will be considered from the floor. Parishioners in good standing who were registered as members at the end of the previous ecclesiastical year (August 31, 2022) and who have fulfilled their annual obligations of Confession and Communion may and should attend in person at either Holy Trinity or the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

- i. Opening Prayer: “O Heavenly King...”
- ii. Rector’s Report
- iii. President’s Report
- iv. Determination of a Quorum
- v. Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting
- vi. Treasurer’s Report
- vii. Review and Approval of 2023 Parish Budget
- viii. Election of Officers
- ix. Election of Auditing Committee
- x. Discussion of Parish Property
- xi. Adjournment
- xii. Closing Prayer: “It is truly meet...”

■ FROM THE RECTOR’S DESK

Site Survey (con’t)

need to reduce its size in order to pave it. It is possible that by dialogue with the borough and the historical district, all of these problems may be navigable, but to say it concisely, modifications to our present facilities are likely to prove challenging. One additional bright spot, however, is that K&W’s initial analysis indicates that we should not have any trouble combining the two parcels into one unit, which could be helpful in any number of ways *vis-a-vis* borough regulations.

So it seems we have a lot of challenges ahead of us, but we should certainly not lose heart, for it is written, “greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world” and again, “all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to His purpose” (1 Jn 4:4; Rom 8:28). It is clearly our purpose, brothers and sisters, to build up the Church in this place; we can say that dogmatically. Our next community meeting with K&W and Hoffman Leakey is on Monday, October 17 at 6pm. I encourage everyone to attend and to share ideas, that God might use us to work wonders in this place. Glory to Jesus Christ!

— Fr. Ignatius

Holy Trinity Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Sunday School, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) IOCC Med Kits, 12 noon	3	4	5 ✠ Confessions, 4pm Vespers, 6pm Orthodoxy 101, 7pm	6	7 ✠	8 Choir Rehearsal, 4pm Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions, following
9 Sunday School, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Sunday School Family Picnic, 4pm	10	11	12 ✠ Confessions, 4pm Vespers, 6pm Orthodoxy 101, 7pm Parish Council Meeting, 7pm ZOOM	13	14 ✠ Service Night at Common Food (2280 Commercial Blvd.), 6:30pm	15 Choir Rehearsal, 4pm Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions, following
16 Sunday School, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) 40-day Memorial for Metropolitan Herman, noon	17 K&W Congregational Design Charette, 6PM	18	19 ✠ Confessions, 4pm Vespers, 6pm Orthodoxy 102, 7pm	20	21 ✠	22 Great Vespers, 6pm Baptism of Josephine Carrier, 6:45pm Confessions, following
23 Sunday School, 9am Divine Liturgy of St. James, 10am (Hours, 9:40am)	24	25	26 ✠ Confessions, 4pm Vespers, 6pm Orthodoxy 102, 7pm	27	28 ✠	29 Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions, following
30 Sunday School, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Paraklesis to the Theotokos, 6pm Adult Education, "Struggles in Orthodox Prayer," 7pm	31	November 1	2 ✠ Confessions, 4pm Vespers, 6pm Orthodoxy 102, 7pm	3	4 ✠	5 Great Vespers, 5pm
6 Sunday School, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Holy Matrimony: Carrier/Johnson, 3pm	7 Vesperal Divine Liturgy @ St. Michael's, (163 Hemlock St., Irvona, PA), 6pm; potluck following	8 Akathist to St. Michael, 6pm	9 ✠ Confessions, 4pm Vespers, 6pm Orthodoxy 102, 7pm	10	11 ✠	12 Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions, following

Chapel Calendar

All events take place at 145 North Kern Street in Beavertown, unless where noted.

- 10/1/22 5:15 p.m. Akathist to the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos
- 10/1/22 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions following
- 10/2/22 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy; Hours 9:40 a.m.; fellowship immediately following; catechesis @ 1:30 p.m.
- 10/4/22 6:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 10/8/22 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions following
- 10/9/22 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy; Hours 9:40 a.m.; fellowship immediately following; catechesis @ 1:30 p.m.
- 10/11/22 6:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 10/15/22 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions following
- 10/16/22 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy; Hours 9:40 a.m.; fellowship immediately following; catechesis @ 1:30 p.m.
- 10/18/22 6:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 10/22/22 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions following
- 10/24/22 6:30 p.m. Knitting/crocheting "Hats and Blankets for Babies"
- 10/25/22 6:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 10/29/22 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions following
- 10/30/22 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy; Hours 9:40 a.m.; fellowship immediately following; catechesis @ 1:30 p.m.
- 11/1/22 6:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 11/5/22 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions following
- 11/6/22 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy; Hours 9:40 a.m.; fellowship immediately following; catechesis @ 1:30 p.m.
- 11/7/22 6:00 p.m. Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and all the Bodiless Hosts of Heaven Vesperal Divine Liturgy

Consult the CHS website or FB page for schedule changes and/or other information

† to join remotely for Zoom, visit holytrinity-oca.org/zoom.

LIVE Please note that at this time, all services at Holy Trinity are being live-streamed. To watch them online, please visit holytrinity-oca.org/YouTube

All events take place at 119 South Sparks Street in State College, unless where noted.

Events listed at **Trinity House** take place at 123 South Sparks Street, in State College.

October 2022