


## 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.



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.



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.



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



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



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



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



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).



Welcome, PSU students! Get involved in our active campus ministry program by seeing a fellow student or emailing [nak5437@psu.edu](mailto:nak5437@psu.edu).



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



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).



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



## 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 ~*

## FOR THE RECORD

### ATTENDANCE

Holy Trinity (12/4):	79
Chapel of the Holy Spirit (12/4):	25

### YOUR GENEROSITY

<b>Weekly Budget Goal:</b>	<b>\$4,762</b>
Collection (12/4):	\$3,543
Average – Last 4 Weeks:	\$5,390
Average – Last 12 Weeks:	\$4,510
Average – Last 52 Weeks:	\$4,484

## SAINT NICHOLAS TREE

This year, in partnership with Strawberry Fields, we will be providing gifts to 39 people (14 adults and 25 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. Thanks to those who have already taken a tag! If you wish to participate, please take a tag and bring the wrapped gift(s) back *with the tag securely fastened*. **The final day to take a tag from the tree is this Wednesday (12/14) and the deadline for dropping off gifts at church is next Sunday, December 18.** Thank you!

**December 11, 2022**  
 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 Sunday of the Forefathers of Christ

# 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* †

## THANKSGIVING for Redemption

- ♦ The Offering †
- ♦ Great Entrance (p.57)
- ♦ The Creed (p.63) †
- ♦ The Anaphora (p.64) †
- ♦ The Lord's Prayer (p.75) †
- ♦ Communion Hymns
- ♦ 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.

#### Forefathers of Christ (Tone 6)

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 1)

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

#### Resurrection (Tone 4)

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

# 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!

## 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...*

## WISDOM FROM THE FAITH

"For of what use is existence to the creature if it cannot know its Maker? How could men be reasonable beings if they had no knowledge of the Word and Reason of the Father, through Whom they had received their being? They would be no better than the beasts, had they no knowledge save of earthly things; and why should God have made them at all, if He had not intended them to know Him? But, in fact, the good God has given them a share in His own Image, that is, in our Lord Jesus Christ, and has made even themselves after the same Image and Likeness. Why? Simply in order that through this gift of Godlikeness in themselves they may be able to perceive the Image Absolute, that is the Word Himself, and through Him to apprehend the Father; which knowledge of their Maker is for men the only really happy and blessed life."

~St. Athanasius of Alexandria,  
*On the Incarnation*

## THIS WEEK

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Confessions	4:00 PM
Vespers	6:00 PM
Parish Council Meeting	7:00 PM

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Choir Rehearsal	4:00 PM
Christmas Play Practice	4:45 PM
Great Vespers	6:00 PM
Confessions	6:45 PM

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Sunday School	9:00 AM
Third and Sixth Hours	9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy	10:00 AM
Sunday School Christmas Play	12:00 PM

## BIRTHDAYS

Rebekah Cadman (12/11), Karen Cattell (12/13), Todd Enders (12/11), Daniel Hunter (12/15) *Many Years!*

## 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.

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

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