


## 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 (12/11):	100
Chapel of the Holy Spirit (12/11):	27

#### YOUR GENEROSITY

<b>Weekly Budget Goal:</b>	<b>\$4,762</b>
Collection (12/11):	\$6,843
Average – Last 4 Weeks:	\$5,815
Average – Last 12 Weeks:	\$4,748
Average – Last 52 Weeks:	\$4,527

### 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 by Vespers on Wednesday 12/21. The cost is \$15 per plant. Thank you!

### SAINT NICHOLAS TREE

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 39 disadvantaged children and adults around our region will have gifts to open this Christmas.

**December 18, 2022**

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday of the Holy Fathers  
Sunday Before the Nativity

# 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*

## 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 2)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

#### 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 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 You are merciful and able to do as You will.

# 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

#### Resurrection (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...*

## 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.

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

Sunday School Christmas Play 12:00 PM

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

Vespers 6:00 PM  
Panikhida for Mary Allen 6:45 PM  
Confessions 7:00 PM

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

#### St. Ignatius of Antioch

Divine Liturgy 8:00 AM  
Vespers 6:00 PM  
Confessions 6:45 PM

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Confessions 4:00 PM  
Vespers 6:00 PM  
Confessions 6:45 PM

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

Vespers 6:00 PM  
Confessions 6:45 PM

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

Vespers 6:00 PM  
Confessions 6:45 PM

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

#### Eve of the Nativity

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

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

#### NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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