

# THE TRISAGION

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

## Great Art Thou, O Lord; Marvelous Are Thy Works!



On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Feast of the Conception of St. John the Forerunner, the Chambers Family was baptized into Holy Orthodoxy. May God grant them many years!

## Annual Parish Meeting Information

Holy Trinity will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 19 following the Divine Liturgy (12 noon). Nominations are open for the Council positions of Treasurer, Secretary, and Building Chair. All agenda items must be submitted in writing to the Parish Council for review prior to November 11. 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, 2023) 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.

-Fr. Ignatius

- i. Opening Prayer: "O Heavenly King..."
- ii. Rector's Report
- iii. President's Report
- iv. Determination of a Quorum
- v. Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting
- vi. Treasurer's Report
- vii. Auditors' Report
- viii. Review and Approval of 2024 Parish Budget
- ix. Election of Officers
- x. Election of Auditing Committee
- xi. Discussion of Parish Property
- xii. CHS Independent Incorporation
- xiii. Approval of Proposed By-Law Changes
- xiv. Adjournment
- xv. Closing Prayer: "It is truly meet..."

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## Schedules

COFFEE HOUR		GREETERS		TELLERS	
Oct 1	<b>Pollock - Holy Protection</b>	J. Houser & A. Stickle	K. Cattell & M. Fedkin		
Oct 8	C. Swisher, T. Chambers, C. Pelllock	M. & T. Chambers	G. Cattell & M. Stickle		
Oct. 15	Russian Ladies, Group A	M. Leathers & K. Oleynik	M. Fiori, B. Haupt		
Oct. 22	A. Stickle, M. Leathers, L. Georgiou	M. Fedkin & K. Bazilevskaya	M. Fedkin, H. Torbic		
Oct 29	H. Torbic, AT Pelikan, K. Oleynik	J. Houser & A. Stickle	K. Cattell & M. Stickle		
Nov. 5	Russian Ladies, Group B	M. & T. Chambers	G. Cattell & M. Fiori		

## HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH BUDGET

INCOME	2022 Actuals	2023 YTD <sup>α</sup>	2023 Budget	Proposed 2024 Budget	% Change
STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS	231,748	149,022	251,606	256,356	2%
PARKING <sup>γ</sup>	7,846	3,844	10,800	5,400	(50%)
CANDLES / FLOWERS	3,105	2,891	2,900	3,300	14%
SEMINARIAN APPEAL	---	---	---	6,000	[New]
MISC. (IN-KIND, REWARDS, ETC)	1,521	13,258	75	1,200	1500%
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME</b>	<b>244,220</b>	<b>169,014</b>	<b>265,381</b>	<b>272,256</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
PERSONNEL	δ 126,557	88,507	129,502	140,212	8%
RECTOR – STIPEND + HOUSING	77,250	53,349	80,023	83,200	4%
RECTOR – SOC. SEC. ALLOWANCE	6,399	4,419	6,629	6,900	4%
RECTOR – OCA PENSION	8,365	6,932	8,665	10,812	ε 25%
BOOKKEEPER/OFFICE ASST.	10,175	6,675	10,000	10,500	5%
CUSTODIAN	9,000	6,667	10,000	10,500	5%
COMMUNICATIONS COORD.	4,800	3,200	4,800	5,100	6%
CHOIR DIRECTOR	3,600	3,200	4,800	4,800	---
SUPPLY CLERGY	750	350	1,400	1,400	---
CLERGY CONTINUING ED.	1,320	1,067	1,600	1,000	(38%)
WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR	---	800	---	4,800	[New]
PAYROLL TAXES	2,098	1,848	1,584	1,200	(24%)
ARCHDIOCESE/OCA	29,514	15,706	35,975	26,539	(26%)
MORTGAGE <sup>β</sup>	27,330	18,220	27,330	27,330	---
UTILITIES	13,870	12,142	13,700	14,350	5%
OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP	8,670	5,860	11,700	21,200	ζ 81%
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	6,083	4,276	6,275	6,725	7%
LITURGICAL	3,365	2,054	5,800	5,800	---
PROPERTY	3,310	3,343	5,700	5,700	---
INSURANCE	3,814	3,994	4,000	4,200	5%
LICENSES/FEES CHARGES	5,019	3,895	3,700	5,300	43%
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	1,091	623	1,700	1,200	(29%)
OTHER (REFURNISHING, ADA)	185	0	300	300	---
RESTRICTED FUND OUTLAYS	15,346	9,577	19,700	13,400	(32%)
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND <sup>γ</sup>	7,846	3,844	10,800	5,400	(50%)
PROPERTY RESERVE FUND	5,000	3,333	5,000	5,000	---
ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL FUND	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,200	(20%)
DISCRETIONARY FUNDS	1,000	800	1,200	1,200	---
MATTHEW 25 FUND	---	600	1,200	600	(50%)
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>244,154</b>	<b>168,197</b>	<b>265,381</b>	<b>272,256</b>	<b>3%</b>

α 2023 YTD income and expenses are for 1-1-2023 through 8-31-2023.

β 08-31-2023 balance of 119/123 S. Sparks St mortgage was \$336,076.

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

δ 2022 Personnel total includes \$2,800 for the Campus Ministry Chaplain position which is not listed in the detail section.

ε In January 2023, the OCA changed the required parish pension match from 10% of salary/housing to 12%.

ζ Outreach includes \$10,000 in seminarian support for Evan Ashmore. Without that, there would be a 4% decrease.

## ■ NEWS & NOTES

### CommonFood

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. On Friday, October 20, at 6:30pm, we need twelve to fourteen volunteers to fill boxes with dry goods. Children 8+ are welcome to come with their parents! This event will take place at Unity Church of Jesus Christ. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up in the narthex or contact Leoni Georgiou at [leomcfer@comcast.net](mailto:leomcfer@comcast.net). If you are struggling to buy enough food each month, CommonFood may be able to help! Please speak to Fr. Ignatius or call CommonFood at 814-409-8584.

### Adult Ed: Orthodox Jurisdictions in America

Please join us on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the parish hall for a talk by Fr. Isaac Danivicus on "Orthodox Jurisdictions in America." How did we get to where we are today? What's the difference between Greek Orthodoxy and Russian Orthodoxy? Is being Serbian Orthodox the same as being Antiochian? And what about just being American Orthodox? Come and find out!

### Archdiocesan Assembly

The annual Archdiocesan Assembly for the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania will be held at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Allison Park, PA on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. This year, our delegates are Fr. Ignatius, Fr. David, Pdn. Mark, Dn. John Kerstetter, Mat. Brenda Smith, Darren Torbic, Maria Fiori, and Wesley Hoffman.

### Liturgy of St. James – October 22

On the Sunday closest to the feast of St. James (October 23), we have been blessed by His Eminence to celebrate the ancient "Liturgy of St. James" in place of the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. The Liturgy of St. James was the typical parish liturgy of Jerusalem, Palestine, Mount Sinai, Georgia, and parts of the Levant from the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### God Grant Them Many Years!

Congratulations to two families who welcomed new babies this month! Nikolay and Elena Golosov welcomed Anna Golosova on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Mt. Nittany Hospital, and Fr. Ignatius and Mat. Seraphima welcomed Matthew Thomas Hunter on August 31<sup>st</sup> at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville. May God grant both families many years!

### As Many As Have Been Baptized

Welcome and congratulations to Sophia Welch, who was received into Holy Orthodoxy by chrismation on September 17<sup>th</sup>, and to the Chambers family, who were received by baptism on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. May God grant the newly-illuminated Sophia, Michael, Mary, Brendan, Margaret, David, and Kieran and their godparents Abigail, Brandon, and Corene Swisher many years!

### Crown Them With Glory and Honor

Congratulations to Jovana Bozic and Tse-Yu (Matthew) Chen who were joined in Holy Matrimony on September 9<sup>th</sup>, and to Micah Cattell and Tiffany Willbanks who were Betrothed on Friday September 29<sup>th</sup>.

### November Wedding Banns

Sophia Welch and Nathaniel Scott Parkhill will be joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, D.C. on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

Julie Kocjancic and Anthony Cassar will be joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Vladimir Church in Trenton, NJ on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

Tiffany Willbanks and Micah Cattell will be joined in Holy Matrimony on November 12<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity, State College at 2pm.



**CHAPEL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BUDGET**

**HTOC LIQUID ASSETS (As of 8-31-2023)**

OPERATING CASH	9,571
RESTRICTED FUND ASSETS	104,027
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND <sup>γ</sup>	24,560
PROPERTY RESERVE FUND	22,520
ICON FUND	5,500
CAMPUS MINISTRY FUND	4,608
MATTHEW 25 FUND	4,613
CONT. ED. + DISCRETIONARY FUNDS	2,419
BUILDING FUND	2,919
BOOKSTORE FUND	400
SUNDAY SCH. SPECIAL EVENT FUND	890
ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL FUND	2,082
OCF FOR THON FUND	310
CHOIR PROJECTS FUND	532
PARISHIONER ASSISTANCE FUND	150
MEMORIAL FUND	2,734
CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND	2,000
MORTGAGE PAYDOWN FUND	20,729
PASS THROUGH FUND	7,062
<b>TOTAL HTOC LIQUID ASSETS</b>	<b>113,598</b>

<sup>γ</sup> The Capital Projects Fund is an internal savings fund currently funded exclusively through parking income.

**CHS LIQUID ASSETS (As of 8-31-2023)**

OPERATING CASH	63,475
RESTRICTED FUND ASSETS	39,284
CHS BUILDING FUND	28,413
CHS MEMORIAL FUND	5,750
CONT. ED. + DISCRETIONARY FUNDS	4,151
CHS MISSIONS FUND	579
CHS SOBOR FUND	600
CHS PASS-THROUGH FUNDS	(209)
<b>TOTAL CHS LIQUID ASSETS</b>	<b>102,759</b>



INCOME	2022 Actuals	2023 YTD <sup>α</sup>	2023 Budget	Proposed 2024 Budget	% Change
STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS	65,193	37,771	62,200	64,400	4%
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM HTOC	3,000	2,000	3,000	3,000	---
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME</b>	<b>68,193</b>	<b>39,771</b>	<b>65,200</b>	<b>67,400</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
PERSONNEL	36,000	26,350	40,000	41,950	5%
PRIEST-IN-CHARGE	36,000	26,000	39,000	40,950	5%
SUPPLY CLERGY	0	350	1,000	1,000	---
MORTGAGE <sup>β</sup>	6,000	4,000	6,000	6,000	-
ARCHDIOCESE/OCA	5,543	3,371	5,300	5,800	9%
OPERATING EXPENSES	3,146	3,073	4,500	4,600	2%
OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP	1,969	1,722	3,000	2,850	(5%)
UTILITIES	1,959	1,575	2,300	2,600	13%
PROPERTY	1,530	932	2,100	1,600	(24%)
INSURANCE	0	0	600	600	---
OUTLAYS FOR RESTRICTED FUNDS	500	933	1,400	1,400	---
DISCRETIONARY FUND	500	333	500	500	---
ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL FUND	0	600	900	900	---
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>56,645</b>	<b>41,957</b>	<b>65,200</b>	<b>67,400</b>	<b>3%</b>

<sup>α</sup> 2023 YTD income and expenses are for 1-1-2023 through 8-31-2023.  
<sup>β</sup> 08-31-2023 balance of 145 N. Kern St mortgage was \$131,000.

**Miranda Retirement - Custodial Position Open**

When I first arrived at Holy Trinity, Ed Miranda told me, "I'll give you until I'm 80." Better than his word, he has served the parish faithfully until nearly his 82nd year, often far beyond the call of his formal duties. His wit, unswervingly positive attitude, and willingness to engage with seemingly any task for the benefit of the church have made him a joy to work with, and although I know I will still see him often around the parish outside of service times, I certainly have some sadness at his retirement. In addition to being my fellow-laborer, he has been a true friend to me over the last three years, and many of the modest things I have accomplished in my time at Holy Trinity I could not have accomplished without him. And it has also been my joy to watch a man in his eighties fall even more in love with Christ over the

past years. Mr. Ed, you fill me with hope that I too might attain some small spiritual advancement as I grow older. Thank you for being such a good example for me and for our whole parish.

With Ed's retirement set for the beginning of January, we now have a custodial position open. It is a part-time, salaried position and the pay is \$875/month (\$10,500/yr). The heart of the position is keeping the facilities clean, but it involves many other responsibilities as well, which will be described in detail in a future job posting. In the meantime, if you are interested in discussing the position or in being considered for it, please contact me about it.

-Fr. Ignatius

**The Beatitudes**

And seeing the multitudes, [Jesus] went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. – Matthew 5:1-12

# Holy Trinity Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October 1 Sunday School, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am)	2	3	4 ✠  Confessions, 4pm Vespers, 6pm Confessions, following Orthodoxy 101, 7pm	5	6	7  Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions, following
8 Sunday School, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Parish Ministry Fair, 12 noon	9	10	11 ✠  Confessions, 4pm Vespers, 6pm Parish Council Meeting, 7pm Orthodoxy 101, 7pm	12	13 ✠	14  Baby Shower for Josie Johnson, 2pm  Choir Rehearsal, 4pm Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions, following
15 Baptism of Matthew Hunter, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am)	16	17	18 ✠  Vespers, 6pm Orthodoxy 101, 7pm	19	20 ✠	21  Service Night, CommonFood (2280 Commercial Blvd State College), 6pm  Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions, following
22 Sunday School, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Orthodox Volunteer Corps Presentation, noon	23	24	25 ✠  Confessions, 4pm Vespers, 6pm Question and Answer with Archbishop Melchisedek, 7pm	26	27 ✠	28  Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions, following
29 Sunday School, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am)	30	31	✠ <b>November 1</b>  Confessions, 4pm Vespers, 6pm Confessions, following Orthodoxy 101, 7pm	2	3 ✠	4 <b>Archdiocesan Assembly</b>  Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions, following
5 Sunday School, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am)	6	7	8 ✠ <b>Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael</b> Divine Liturgy, 8am  Confessions, 4pm Vespers, 6pm Orthodoxy 101, 7pm	9	10 ✠	11  Holy Matrimony: Welch/Parkhill, 1pm (St. Nicholas Cathedral, 3500 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC) Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions, following

# Chapel Calendar

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

## Service/Event Schedule

- 10/1/23 10:00 a.m. Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos Divine Liturgy; Hours 9:40 a.m.; fellowship immediately following
- 10/3/23 6:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 10/7/23 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions following
- 10/8/23 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy; Hours 9:40 a.m.; fellowship immediately following
- 10/10/23 6:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 10/14/23 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions following
- 10/15/23 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy; Hours 9:40 a.m.; fellowship immediately following
- 10/17/23 6:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 10/21/23 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions following
- 10/22/23 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy; Hours 9:40 a.m.; fellowship immediately following; catechesis resumes at 1:30 p.m.
- 10/23/23 6:30 p.m. "Hats and Blankets for Babies" Knitting/Crocheting
- 10/24/23 6:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 10/28/23 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions following
- 10/29/23 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy; Hours 9:40 a.m.; fellowship immediately following; catechesis at 1:30 p.m.
- 10/31/23 6:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 11/4/23 Archdiocesan Assembly, Allison Park
- 11/4/23 6:00 p.m. Reader's Vespers

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 2023**