

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! Fill out a connection card 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 scw5427@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.



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 (12/10):	107
Chapel of the Holy Spirit (12/10):	26

YOUR GENEROSITY

Weekly Budget Goal:	\$4,839
Collection (12/10):	\$4,352
Average – Last 4 Weeks:	\$4,383
Average – Last 12 Weeks:	\$4,012
Average – Last 52 Weeks:	\$4,240

MILESTONES

Birthdays: Andrea Locke (12/24)
Many years!

HOLY SUPPER

Holy Supper is a traditional Lenten meal on Christmas Eve, the last meal of the Nativity Fast. We will continue this annual parish family tradition by bringing a favorite Lenten food and sharing it with all that are present. The supper will begin at 4:30 PM on December 24th. If you have any questions, including food ideas, contact Pdn. Mark or Matushka Kelly.

December 17, 2023
28th 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 Readings: *Colossians 3:4-11*
- ♦ Gospel Readings: *Luke 14:16-24* †
- ♦ 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 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 3)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Forefathers (Tone 2)

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...

KONTAKIA

Forefathers (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 Thou art merciful and able to do as Thou dost will!"

PROKEIMENON

Resurrection (Tone 2)

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!

TODAY'S HYMNS (continued)

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just!

Alleluia...

2024 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

2024 liturgical calendars are available in the narthex for all parishioners, inquirers, and friends of the parish. Please consider a donation of \$5/calendar to help defray the cost.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Sponsor a poinsettia for the nave in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving to God. All commemorations will be printed in the Nativity bulletin and those who sponsor a poinsettia can take them home after the New Year. There is a sign-up in the Narthex and online for those who wish to donate. Thank you!

BOOKSTORE ADVENT SALE

Today is the last day of the Advent Sale in the bookstore. Everything in the store is 15% off. Stop in between noon and 1pm to shop for gifts or something for your home church.

2024 HOME BLESSINGS

This year, home blessings for the parish will take place in January through the first few days of March. Requests can be made by anyone affiliated with the parish (visitors, friends, catechumens, members, etc.). In addition to using sign-up sheets located in the Narthex, you can also request a home blessing on our website <https://holytrinity-oca.org/2024-home-blessings-request-form/>

THIS WEEK

TODAY

Sunday School Christmas Play 12:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Vespers 6:00 PM
Confessions 6:45 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Divine Liturgy 8:00 PM
Confessions 4:00 PM
Vespers 6:00 PM
Confessions 6:45 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Vespers 6:00 PM
Confessions 6:45 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Vespers 6:00 PM
Confessions 6:45 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

Great Vespers 6:00 PM
Confessions 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Holy Supper 4:30 PM
Nativity Vigil 6:00 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Nativity of the Lord

Divine Liturgy 9:00 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