

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 (12/17): ?
Chapel of the Holy Spirit (12/17): ?

YOUR GENEROSITY

Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,839
Collection (12/17): \$?
Average – Last 4 Weeks: \$?
Average – Last 12 Weeks: \$?
Average – Last 52 Weeks: \$?

MILESTONES

Birthdays: Andrea Locke (12/24), Lucia Swisher (12/27)

Many years!

CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY SUPPER

Today 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.

December 24, 2023
29th Sunday After Pentecost
Eve of the Nativity 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: *Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40*
- ♦ Gospel Readings: *Matthews 1:1-25* †
- ♦ 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 4)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: Death is overthrown! Christ our God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Holy Fathers (Tone 2)

Great are the accomplishments of faith, for the three Holy Youths rejoice 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!

Eve of Nativity (Tone 4)

Mary was of David's seed, so she went with Joseph to register in Bethlehem. She bore in her womb the Fruit not sown by man. The time for the birth was at hand. Since there was no room at the inn, the cave became a beautiful palace for the Queen. Christ is born, raising up the image that fell of old.

KONTAKIA

Resurrection (Tone 4)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!
Glory...

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)

KONTAKIA (continued)

Holy Fathers (Tone 1)

Rejoice, O Bethlehem! Prepare thyself, O Ephratha! The Lamb is on her way to give birth to the Chief Shepherd she carries in her womb. The God-bearing Forefathers will rejoice, beholding Him, and with the shepherds, they will glorify the Virgin nursing Him.

Now and ever...

Forefeast (Tone 3)

Today the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to the Eternal Word. Hear the glad tidings and rejoice, O universe! Glorify with the angels and the shepherds the Eternal God, Who is willing to appear as a little child!

PROKEIMENON

Resurrection (Tone 4)

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

COMMUNION HYMN

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

Rejoice in the Lord all ye 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. Thank you!

THIS WEEK

TODAY

Holy Supper	4:30 PM
Nativity Vigil	6:00 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Nativity of Our Lord

Divine Liturgy	9:00 AM
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Vespers	6:00 PM
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Great Vespers	9:00 AM
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Divine Liturgy	10:00 AM
Great Vespers	6:00 PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Circumcision of Our Lord/St. Basil

Divine Liturgy	10:00 AM
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HOME BLESSINGS

It's house blessing season, a yearly reminder that all aspects of our lives belong to God. Getting our houses blessed reconnects us to our baptism, emphasizing that everything—possessions, interactions, work, and leisure—is under God's ownership. Don't miss this chance to renew ties with Christ and welcome His grace. Sign up in the narthex or online, and for inquiries or unlisted scheduling, reach out to Anna Stickles at anna@grtbooks.com. College students, you're welcome to sign up for dorm room/apartment blessings; Father will provide guidance and everything needed.

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@holyltrinity-oca.org, 814-231-2855

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Additional Resources: holyltrinity-oca.org