

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 (12/24):	90
Chapel of the Holy Spirit (12/24):	23

YOUR GENEROSITY

Weekly Budget Goal:	\$4,839
Collection (12/24):	\$9,627
Average – Last 4 Weeks:	\$5,692
Average – Last 12 Weeks:	\$4,772
Average – Last 52 Weeks:	\$4,361

MILESTONES

Birthdays: Anna de Valdez (1/2)
Many years!

NEW YEAR OPEN HOUSE

On New Year's Day, Deacon Mark, Matushka Kelly, and their children will be hosting an Open House from 2pm-5pm. Everyone is welcome to join together in fellowship and love as we begin the New Year. Their address is 125 Wilderndest Ln, Port Matilda.

December 31, 2023
30th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday After 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: *Galatians 1:11-19*
- ♦ Gospel Readings: *Matthews 2:13-23* †
- ♦ 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 5)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Nativity (Tone 4)

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to Thee!

Righteous Ones (Tone 2)

Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph, to David, the ancestor of God; thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; and thou didst give glory with the shepherds; thou didst worship with the Magi, and didst receive the news from the Angel. Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

KONTAKIA

Righteous Ones (Tone 3)

Today godly David is filled with joy; Joseph and James offer praise. The glorious crown of their kinship with Christ fills them with great joy. They sing praises to the One ineffably born on earth, and they cry out: "O Compassionate One, save those who honor Thee!"

Glory...

Nativity (Tone 3)

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One! Angels with shepherds glorify Him! The Wise Men journey with a star, since for our sake the eternal God is born as a little Child!

Now and ever...

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)

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

Leavetaking (Tone 8)

Let all the earth worship thee and praise thee; Let it praise thy name, O Most High!

Resurrection (Tone 4)

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

The Lord has sent redemption to His people.
Alleluia...

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 Stickle at anna@grtbooks.com. College students, you're welcome to sign up for dorm room/apartment blessings; Father will provide guidance and everything needed.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

Great Vespers 6:00 PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Circumcision of Our Lord/St. Basil

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
New Year Open House 2:00 PM

125 Wildercrest Ln, Port Matilda

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

Vespers 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Eve of Theophany

Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil 9:00 AM
Vigil of Theophany 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Theophany

Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM
Great Blessing of Waters 10:30 AM
Great Vespers 6:00 PM
Confessions 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

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!

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

Inquiries into Orthodoxy: info@holyltrinity-oca.org

Additional Resources: holyltrinity-oca.org