

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.



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 1st 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. Scan the QR code for more information and hours.



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! Fill out a connection card in the Narthex (vestibule) and provide your email (for weekly update) and/or snail mail (for monthly newsletter). Or scan the QR code and fill one out online.



Welcome, PSU students! Get involved in our active campus ministry program by seeing a fellow student or emailing ndq5002@psu.edu.



Holy Trinity has an education program for kids PreK-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.



On Sundays, 27 spaces are available at the SW corner of Calder Way and Lark Alley. Other days ONLY the paved spots across from the gravel are open. The others are rented.



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

Sunday 12/8: 141

YOUR GENEROSITY

Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,929
 Collection (12/8): \$6,927
 Average – Last 4 Weeks: \$4,553
 Average – Last 12 Weeks: \$4,482
 Average – Last 52 Weeks: \$4,844

MILESTONES

Birthdays: Daniel Hunter (12/15), Micah Patel (12/18), Maria Stevens (12/20), Monarth Vaughn (12/20)

Namedays: Karen Cattell (12/15), Judy Fryncko (12/15), Noah Patel (12/15), Caleb Schrauf (12/15), Corielle Stickles (12/15), Corene Swisher (12/15), Ezra Swisher (12/15), Holly Torbic (12/15), Josie Johnson (12/15), Bruce Haupt (12/19)

SAINT NICHOLAS TREE DRIVE

Please remember that gifts are to be at the church TODAY. Thank you for your generosity! If there will be an issue getting your gift to the church on time, please contact Michael Roeske (571-435-6008).

December 15, 2024
 25th Sunday after Pentecost
 Sunday of the Forefathers

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: *Col. 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

TROPARION

Resurrection (Tone 8)

Thou didst descend from on high O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

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 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...

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!

SPONSOR A POINSETTIA

Make a donation toward buying poinsettias to decorate the nave this Christmas in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving to God. All commemorations will be printed in the Nativity bulletin and those who sponsor poinsettias can take them home after the New Year. There is currently a sign-up in the narthex and online under "News and Notes." It can also be accessed through the QR code below. Please sign up by December 18th. Thank you!



BOOKSTORE NATIVITY SALE AND HOURS

TODAY is the last day of the Nativity sale at the bookstore! Don't miss out! Gifts and items for your home church are in stock. 20% off children's books, 15% off all other books, and 5% off all other items. The bookstore will be open today after liturgy. Please use the back door due to the construction.

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 in the parish hall. For those who may not have attended in the past, this is not a normal "potluck." It is a structured meal that includes specific foods and fun traditions and is especially enjoyable for children. If you have any questions, including food ideas, contact Pdn. Mark or Matushka Kelly. To sign up to bring one of the traditional foods for the meal, please see the signup sheet in the basement.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Confessions	4:00 PM
Vespers	6:00 PM
Confessions	7:00 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

St. Ignatius of Antioch	
Divine Liturgy	8:00 AM
Vespers	6:00 PM
Confessions	6:45 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Christmas Play Practice	4:45 PM
Great Vespers	6:00 PM
Confessions	7:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Sunday School	9:00 AM
Divine Liturgy	10:00 AM
Sunday School Christmas Play	12:00 PM
Vespers	6:00 PM
Confessions	6:45 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Vespers	6:00 PM
Confessions	6:45 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

The Nativity of Our 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.

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