

## 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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: 130

#### YOUR GENEROSITY

**Weekly Budget Goal:** \$4,929  
 Collection (12/8): \$10,037  
 Average – Last 4 Weeks: \$5,822  
 Average – Last 12 Weeks: \$5,098  
 Average – Last 52 Weeks: \$4,910

### MILESTONES

**Birthdays:** Freya Roeske (12/22), Andrea Locke (12/24), Lucia Swisher(12/27)

**Namedays:** Stacy Gleeson (12/22), Arseniy Buyanskiy (12/26)

### 2025 CALENDERS NOW AVAILABLE

Please be sure to pick up a 2025 liturgical calendar from the narthex. Orthodox liturgical calendars include important information on things like fasts and feasts, primary daily scripture readings, liturgical seasons, and more. These are very helpful tools for us as we strive to live a pious life in the Orthodox manner; please pick one up and consult it often!

**December 22, 2024**  
 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 Sunday Before the Nativity

# 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: *Heb. 11:9–10, 17–23, 32–40*
- ♦ Gospel Readings: *Matt. 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

### TROPARION

#### Resurrection (Tone 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

#### Forefeast (Tone 4)

Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all! Adorn thyself, O Ephratha, for the Tree of Life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave! Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with the Divine Fruit; if we eat of it, we shall live forever and not die like Adam. Christ comes to restore the image which He made in the beginning.

#### 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!

*Glory...*

### KONTAKIA

#### 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...*

# 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

### KOTAKIA (cont.)

#### 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...*

## YOU'RE INVITED – OLEJNIK OPEN HOUSE

Pdn. Mark and Mka. Kelly warmly invite everyone to an Open House to celebrate the joy of the Nativity season! Join us for fellowship, refreshments, and festive cheer on Sunday December 29th from 2:30 - 5:30 PM at 125 Wildernd Lane in Port Matilda.

## ST. NICHOLAS TREE - THANK YOU!

Strawberry Fields extends their heartfelt gratitude to our parish for the incredible generosity shown through the St. Nicholas tree and 40 gifts donated this year, as well as the food from the Thanksgiving drive. They are deeply appreciative of the support for both efforts.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

<b>The Nativity of Our Lord</b>	
Divine Liturgy	9:00 AM

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

Great Vespers	6:00 PM
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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Divine Liturgy	10:00 AM
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## 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. Please sign up in the basement to bring a dish to share. 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.

**His Eminence Melchisedek**, Archbishop of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania  
**Father Ignatius Hunter**, Rector  
**Protodeacon Mark Olejnik**, 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