

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 12/22: 106

YOUR GENEROSITY

Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,929
 Collection (12/22): \$5,984
 Average – Last 4 Weeks: \$6,555
 Average – Last 12 Weeks: \$5,152
 Average – Last 52 Weeks: \$4,840

MILESTONES

Namedays: Luke Torbic (12/29), David Swisher (12/29)

HOUSE BLESSINGS

It's house blessing season. 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, on our website or through the QR code. Email Anna Stickles at anna@grtbooks.com for inquiries or unlisted scheduling. College students, you're welcome to sign up for dorm room/apartment blessings; Father will provide guidance and everything needed.



December 29, 2024

27th Sunday after Pentecost
 Sunday After 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: *Gal. 1:11-19*
- ♦ Gospel Readings: *Matt. 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

TROPARION

Resurrection (Tone 2)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

Feast (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!

Holy 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!

Glory...

KONTAKIA

Holy 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!"

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.)

Feast (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!

PROKEIMENON

Resurrection (Tone 2)

The Lord is my strength and my song, he has become my salvation.

Holy Ones (Tone 4)

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

HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

Instead of "It is truly meet..." we sing...

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable and more glorious than the heavenly hosts. I behold a strange, most glorious mystery: heaven—the cave; the cherubic throne—the Virgin; the manger—the place where Christ lay: the uncontainable God, Whom we magnify in song.

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...

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today

Year End Open House 2:30 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Great Vespers 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Circumcision of Our Lord

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Vespers 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Great Vespers 6:00 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Vigil of Theophany 6:00 PM

YEAR END 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 today from 2:30 - 5:30 PM at 125 Wildercrest Lane in Port Matilda.

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!

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

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Inquiries into Orthodoxy: info@holyltrinity-oca.org
Additional Resources: holyltrinity-oca.org