

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). Or scan the QR code and fill one out online.



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 georgiebarbouni@gmail.com



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 paved spots across from the gravel are open. Spots 10-18 are rented to students Mon-Sat.



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 (11/23): 131

YOUR GENEROSITY

Weekly Budget Goal: \$5,120
 Collection (11/23): \$6,580
 Average – Last 4 Weeks: \$5,353
 Average – Last 12 Weeks: \$5,030
 Average – Last 52 Weeks: \$5,288

MILESTONES

Birthdays: Megan Leathers (12/9), Karen Cattell (12/13)

Namesdays: Jill Finke (12/9), Lucia Swisher (12/13)

Many years!

POINSETTIAS

Please consider making a donation toward buying the poinsettias for the nave 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 will be a sign-up in the narthex and on the web page this week. Please sign up by December 17th. Thank you!

December 7, 2025
 26th Sunday after Pentecost
 St. Ambrose of Milan

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: *Eph. 5:9-19*
- ♦ Gospel Readings: *Luke 17:12-19* †
- ♦ 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!"

St. Ambrose (Tone 4)

In truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; thy humility exalted thee; thy poverty enriched thee. Hierarch Father Ambrose, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

KONTAKIA

Resurrection (Tone 1)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Glory...

St. Ambrose (Tone 2)

Thou didst shine forth with divine doctrine, eclipsing the deception of Arius, O shepherd and initiate of the mysteries, Ambrose. Thou didst work miracles through the power of the Spirit, healing various passions; righteous Father, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

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!

TODAYS HYMNS (Cont.)

KONTAKIA (Cont.)

Steadfast Protectress

O Protection of Christians that is not put to shame, unchanging mediation before the Creator, despise not the voice of the sinners' prayer, but in that thou art good, come quickly to help us who call upon thee in faith; make speed to intercede and make haste to supplicate, O Theotokos, who dost ever protect those that honor thee.

PROKEIMENON

Resurrection (Tone 1)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

Alleluia...

ST NICHOLAS TREE DRIVE

Our Saint Nicholas Tree drive enables the disadvantaged in our community to receive gifts through the Matthew 25 Ministry's partnership with Strawberry Fields. This year we will be providing gifts to those who might not otherwise have any presents to open on Christmas. Each tag on the tree has the recipient's age, gender, and wish. To participate, take a tag and bring the wrapped gift(s) back with the tag securely fastened. The deadline for dropping off gifts at church is Sunday, December 13th. Thank you!

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

OCF Paraklesis 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Confessions 4:00 PM
Vespers 6:00 PM
Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Sunday School Christmas Caroling 5:30 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Choir Rehearsal 4:00 PM
Great Vespers 6:00 PM
Confessions 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Sunday School 9:00 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

SHARE THE GLADSOME TIDINGS

All families and parishioners are invited to sing Christmas carols around town on Friday, December 12th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A light meal will be served prior to caroling along with hot chocolate to end the evening. Please join us and bring a friend as we share the good news of the coming Nativity of our Lord. Don't forget to dress warmly and bring your bells.

BOOKSTORE SALE

Bookstore Nativity Sale -Nov. 8th- Dec 20th. 50% off Angels and CD's. 20% off SVS press and children's books in stock. 15% off all other books in stock. 5% off icons and prayer corner items in stock.

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