

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.



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 georgiebarbouni@gmail.com



Holy Trinity has an education program for kids K-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. 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 (12/7): 135

YOUR GENEROSITY

Weekly Budget Goal: \$5,120
 Collection (12/7): \$7,479
 Average – Last 4 Weeks: \$5,485
 Average – Last 12 Weeks: \$5,366
 Average – Last 52 Weeks: \$5,299

MILESTONES

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

Namesdays: Karen Cattell (12/14), Judy Fryncko (12/14), Benjamin Oleynik (12/14), Noah Patel (12/14), Caleb Schrauf (12/14), Corielle Stickles (12/14), Corene Swisher (12/14), Ezra Swisher (12/14), Holly Torbic (12/14), Josie Johnson (12/14), Caleb Schwenk (12/14), Daniel Hunter (12/17), Bruce Haupt (12/19), Shane Stevens (12/20), Fr. Ignatius Hunter (12/20), Dn. Evan Ashmore (12/20)
Many years!

December 14, 2025
 27th Sunday after Pentecost
 Sunday of the Holy 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 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!"

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

Forfathers (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!

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.)

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...

HOLY SUPPER

Holy Supper is our traditional Lenten meal on Christmas Eve, marking the final meal of the Nativity Fast. We invite everyone to bring a favorite Lenten dish to share as we continue this beloved parish tradition, beginning at 4:30 PM on December 24th in the parish hall. Unlike a typical potluck, Holy Supper follows a set order with specific foods and meaningful traditions, especially fun for children. For questions or food suggestions, contact Pdn. Mark or Matushka Kelly, and please sign up in the basement to bring a traditional item.

PRE-NATIVITY VESPERS AND CONFESSIONS

From Friday, December 19th through the Vigil of Nativity on the 24th, vespers will be served each evening at Holy Trinity. Confessions will be available after every service and by appointment. As the Nativity Fast comes to a close, please take this time to prepare your heart for the birth of the King of Glory.

SPONSOR A POINSETTIA

Please consider donating toward poinsettias in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving to God. Commemorations will be printed in the Nativity bulletin, and sponsors may take their poinsettias home after the New Year. Sign up in the narthex or on the website by December 17th. Thank you!

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Great Vespers	6:00 PM
Confessions	6:45 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Divine Liturgy	9:00 AM
Christmas Play Practice	4:45 PM
Great Vespers	6:00 PM
Confessions	7:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

By the grace of the All-Holy Spirit, the Holy Synod has given approval for the ordination of Sbdn. Michael Stickles to the Order of the Holy Diaconate. His ordination will take place at a special divine liturgy on Saturday, January 3 at 9:30 am. A catered reception will take place afterwards. If you would like to help offset the costs of the luncheon, a free-will offering will be conducted following the liturgy. Axios! He is worthy!

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