

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 (12/14): 147

YOUR GENEROSITY

Weekly Budget Goal: \$5,120
 Collection (12/14): \$6,976
 Average – Last 4 Weeks: \$5,967
 Average – Last 12 Weeks: \$5,685
 Average – Last 52 Weeks: \$5,240

MILESTONES

Birthdays: Andrea Locke (12/24), Lucia Swisher (12/27), Uliana Yaroshchuk (12/27)

Namesdays: Stacey Gleeson (12/22), Arseniy Buyanskiy (12/26)

Many years!

NATIVITY SEASON OPEN HOUSE

Pdn. Mark and Mka. Kelly warmly invite the parish family to their home to continue the joy and feast of the Nativity. Please join them on Sunday, December 28th, from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM for an afternoon of fellowship, conversation, and light refreshments. Their home is located at 125 Wilderndest Ln. in Port Matilda.

December 21, 2025
 28th Sunday after Pentecost
 Sunday of the Holy Fathers
 Forefeast of 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 3)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Fathers (Tone 2)

Great are the accomplishments of faith, for the three Holy Youths rejoiced 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!

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.

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!

TODAYS HYMNS (Cont.)

KONTAKIA (Cont.)

Forefeast (Tone 3)

He Who holds the earth in the hollow of His hand now is beheld in Bethlehem wrapped in swaddling bands. We offer prefeastal hymns to his Mother, who maternally rejoices having held to her bosom the Son of God.

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...

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PLAY

Please join us on December 21st, immediately following Divine Liturgy, for our children's annual Christmas play!

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

By the grace of the All-Holy Spirit, the Holy Synod has given approval for the ordination of Sbdn. Michael Stickle 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!

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

THIS WEEK

TODAY

Children's Christmas Play	12:00 PM
Vespers	6:00 PM
Confessions	6:45 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

Vespers	6:00 PM
Confessions	6:45 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Vespers	6:00 PM
Confessions	6:45 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

The Nativity of Christ

Divine Liturgy	9:00 AM
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

Great Vespers	6:00 PM
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

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. 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 Oleynik, Director of Christian Ed.