

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 (12/21): 145

YOUR GENEROSITY

Weekly Budget Goal: \$5,120
 Collection (12/21): \$6,258
 Average – Last 4 Weeks: \$6,823
 Average – Last 12 Weeks: \$5,808
 Average – Last 52 Weeks: \$5,245

MILESTONES

Birthdays: Simeon Patel (1/2)
Namesdays: Luke Torbic (12/28), David Swisher (12/28)
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 TODAY, 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 Wildernest Ln. in Port Matilda.

December 28, 2025

29th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday After Nativity

Ss. Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord

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 4)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ our God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Nativity (Tone 4)

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshiped 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!

Righteous 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

Righteous 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!

TODAYS HYMNS (Cont.)

KONTAKIA (Cont.)

Nativity (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 the star, since for our sake the eternal God is born as a little Child.

PROKEIMENON

Resurrection (Tone 4)

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all!

Righteous 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:

O my soul, magnify her, who is more honorable and who is more glorious than the heavenly hosts.

A mystery I behold which is strange and wondrous. The cave is heaven, and the Virgin is the throne of the cherubim; in the confines of the manger is laid the infinite Christ our God, Whom we praise and magnify.

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...

THIS WEEK

TODAY

Nativity Open House 2:30 PM
125 Wildernest Ln. in Port Matilda

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Great Vespers 6:00 PM
Confessions 6:45 PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

Circumcision of Our Lord

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Vespers 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

Ordination Liturgy 9:30 AM
Sbdn. Michael Stickles
Great Vespers 6:00 PM
Confessions 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

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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