

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 (12/28): 107

YOUR GENEROSITY

Weekly Budget Goal: \$5,120
 Collection (12/28): \$6,575
 Average – Last 4 Weeks: \$6,822
 Average – Last 12 Weeks: \$5,551
 Average – Last 52 Weeks: \$5,130

MILESTONES

Birthdays: Luka Gogia (1/9), Mka. Seraphima Hunter (1/10)

Namesdays: Jovana Bozic-Chen (1/7)

Many years!

WISDOM FROM THE FAITH

“The acquisition of holiness is not the exclusive business of monks, as certain people think. People with families are also called to holiness, as are those in all kinds of professions, who live in the world, since the commandment about perfection and holiness is given not only to monks, but to all people.”

-Hieromartyr Onuphry Gaguluk

January 4, 2026
 30th Sunday after Pentecost
 Sunday Before Theophany
 Ven. Theoctistus, Abbot of Cucomo in Sicily

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: *2 Tim. 4:5-8*
- ♦ Gospel Readings: *Mark 1:1-8* †
- ♦ 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 5)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Forefeast (Tone 4)

Prepare, O Zebulon, and adorn thyself, O Naphtali! River Jordan, cease flowing, and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized! Adam, rejoice with our first Mother, and do not hide yourselves as you did of old in Paradise; for having seen you naked, He has appeared to clothe you with the first garment. Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

Ven. Theoctistus (Tone 8)

By a flood of tears thou didst make the desert fertile, and thy longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles thou didst illumine the whole universe! Our Father Theoctistus, pray to Christ God to save our souls!
Glory...

KONTAKIA

Resurrection (Tone 5)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty; resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death, Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we all cry out to Thee: O Lord, save us!

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 4)

Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John: "Do not be afraid to baptize Me. For I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man."

PROKEIMENON

Sunday Before (Tone 6)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance

COMMUNION HYMN

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

Alleluia...

HOUSE BLESSINGS

It's house blessing season again! A house blessing is a profound annual reminder that all of our life belongs to God: when our house is blessed, we remember and reclaim our baptism and proclaim that everything—our possessions, relationships, work, rest, and hospitality—belongs to Him. Let us not neglect this opportunity to be filled with Christ's grace.

Sign-up sheets with time slots will be available in the narthex and on our website; for questions or coordination, please contact Anna Stickle at annastickles4@gmail.com.

College students are warmly encouraged to sign up to have their dorm room or apartment blessed—Father will bring everything needed and guide you through the process.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

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| Vesperal Divine Liturgy | 9:00 AM |
| Vigil | 6:00 PM |

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

Theophany of Our Lord

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| Divine Liturgy | 9:00 AM |
| Great Blessing of Waters | 10:30 AM |
| Great Vespers | 6:00 PM |
| Confessions | 7:00 PM |

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

Synaxis of the Forerunner

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| Divine Liturgy | 8:00 AM |
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

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| Choir Rehearsal | 4:00 PM |
| Great Vespers | 6:00 PM |

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

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

CONGRATULATIONS DEACON MICHAEL

Congratulations to the newly-ordained Deacon Michael Stickle, to his wife, Matushka Anna, and to their whole family on the occasion of his ordination. May God grant you health and strength and guide you in wisdom as you undertake this new chapter of your ministry to our parish. Axios! By God's grace, the man is worthy!

His Eminence Melchisedek, Archbishop of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania
Father Ignatius Hunter, Rector
Protodeacon Mark Oleynik, Director of Christian Ed.
Deacon Michael Stickle, Ecclesiarch

Sundays: Divine Liturgy, 10am
Saturdays: Great Vespers, 6pm
Wednesdays: Vespers, 6pm

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