Parish Council…
• Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00pm

Services at the Church…
• All services can have up to 40 people attending.
• Signups for the Sunday Liturgies are sent out on Tuesday morning. Please reply by Thursday evening.
• The State of Kansas and Johnson County mandate that face mask be worn indoors.

2021 Pledge Cards…
• Our Stewardship Theme for 2021 is “Christ is in our midst!”
• Please turn in a Pledge Card for 2021 as soon as possible.
• Pledge Cards are available in the Narthex.
• You can leave your Pledge Card in the box in the Narthex, send it by mail to the church (11901 Pflumm Rd., Overland Park, KS 66213), or send your pledge by email to htoc1917@gmail.com.

Livestream Update…
• We still need subscribers to our YouTube page! At present we have 501 and we need to get to 1,000

IOCC Informal Zoom Gathering December 13…
• Traditionally, we have an IOCC Fundraiser in December here in Kansas City, but this year we won’t be able to have an in-person event.
• Join in for an informal Zoom gathering on Sunday, December 13th at 6:00pm. Registration is free at: iocc.org/kansascity

2021 Holy Trinity Calendars…
• 2021 Holy Trinity Calendars are available in the Narthex. Get one for a friend!

Poinsettias…
• Next week there will be a basket in the Narthex for donations for poinsettias in the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Parish News

Welcome to everyone praying with us.
If you are visiting, please sign our guest log in the Narthex.
Please join us for our Social Hour in the hall after the Veneration of the Cross.
Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a
Alleluia Verses:

Verse

Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God. Always fervently intercede with Christ on behalf of the world. Imitating Christ, you were slain with a spear; Most blessed Paramon and Philumenus.
You renounced sacrifice to idols. You reached perfection as spiritual athletes; With patience, you cleansed your souls from all defilement.
Urged on by the commandments of God, O greatly merciful One!
And the world celebrates Your rising from the tomb. By rising from the tomb You raised the dead, You accepted the three day burial You descended from on high, O Merciful One! Troparion to Ss. Paramon & Philumenus
(Tone 4)

Memory Eternal…

Wendy Jacobs (Tomorrow)
May her memory be eternal!

Happy Nameday…

Andrew Medis, Christian Moutlon (Tomorrow)
Adam Lockridge—St. John of Damascus (Friday)
Barbara Overmann, Barbara Stackpole (Friday)
May God grant you many years!

Happy Birthday…

Jason Jones (Today)
Ian DeYoung-Daniels (Today)
Chris Arnold (Tomorrow)
Ramona Lockridge (Tuesday)
Melissa Barry (Thursday)
Doulla Way (Friday)
Keaton Platio (Friday)
Dave Stokes (Saturday)
May God grant you many years!

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians Ephesians 4:1-6

Brothers and sisters: I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Christmas Presents for those in need...

• Holy Trinity will be partnering with Reconciliation Services (RS) to provide Christmas gifts for the men and women in the SNAP Therapy group. Here is a list of items that you can pick and choose from. Do you not need to purchase all items listed. Please select one nicer item; scarf, hat or gloves. Other ideas; lotion, bath gel, body spray or Christmas candy. (RS requested no gift cards) Please include a Christmas card in the wrapped box. Also please put a tag on the gift marked man or woman (you can use the tag from the tree). If you would like to give a gift please take a gift tag off the tree in the Narthex. Please return the items by no later than December 13. RS has asked that we provide 25 wrapped gifts for the women and 15 wrapped gifts for the men this year. Individual items from the lists can be donated and placed under the tree if need-ed, however, a completed package is most helpful and preferred. If you are not able to shop I am more than happy to shop for you. If you are unable to come to the church to get a tag please email me. Your help in making Christmas special for all of these men and women is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions please contact Donna at dcstheffer@gmail.com

Schedule of Services for the Nativity...

Monday, December 21: Vespers of the Prefeast, 6:30pm
Tuesday, December 22: Vespers of the Prefeast, 6:30pm
Thursday, December 24: Royal Hours of the Nativity, 9:30am
Thursday, December 24: Compline, Matins, Divine Liturgy of the Nativity, 9:30pm
**SIGNUP REQUIRED**
Friday, December 25: Divine Liturgy of the Nativity, 9:30am
Saturday, December 26: Divine Liturgy for the Synaxis of the Theotokos, 9:30am

**SIGNUP REQUIRED**

We Welcome all visitors to the Divine Liturgy. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the fellowship of our social hour following Liturgy.

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Resurrection Troparion (Tone 8)
You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Troparion to Ss. Paramon & Philumenus (Tone 4)
Your holy martyrs Paramon and Philumenus and those with them, O Lord, Through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, And shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Resurrection Kontakion (Tone 8)
By rising from the tomb You raised the dead And resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection, And the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly merciful One!

Kontakion to Ss. Paramon & Philumenus (Tone 4)
Urged on by the commandments of God, With patience, you cleansed your souls from all defilement. You reached perfection as spiritual athletes; You renounced sacrifice to idols. Imitating Christ, you were slain with a spear, Most blessed Paramon and Philumenus. Always fervently intercede with Christ on behalf of the world.

Prokeimenon (Tone 8)
Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God
Verse: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel!

Alleluia Verses:
Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms!