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.
- Status as of November 30, 2020:
  Pledges 22 (Goal 72)
  Pledged $98,000 (Goal $262,000)

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When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your immaculate body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The Powers of Heaven therefore cried out to You: O Giver of Life: Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your Divine Plan, for You alone love mankind.

**Troparion to St. Nicholas (Tone 4)**
In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; your humility exalted you; Your poverty enriched you. Hierarchy Nicholas, Enraptured Christ our God That our souls may be saved.

**Resurrection Kontakion (Tone 1)**
As God, You rose in glory from the tomb, raising the world with Yourself. Human nature sings Your praise as God, for death has vanished. Adam dances for joy, O Master! As God, You rose in glory from the tomb, raising the world with Yourself.

**Kontakion to St. Nicholas (Tone 3)**
You appeared a priest in Myra, O Saint Nicholas, fulfilling the Gospel of Christ, O venerable one; You laid down your life for your people and rescued the innocent from death. Therefore, you have been blest as a great initiate of the grace of God.

**Prokeimenon (Tone 1)**
Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You. 

**Verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! 

**Alleluia Verses:**
God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.

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He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals with His Christ, with David and his seed forever.

**Communion Hymns:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! The righteous man will be remembered forever. He shall not fear evil tidings.

**Schedule of Services for the Nativity...**
- Thurs 12/24: Royal Hours of the Nativity, 9:30am
- Thurs 12/24: Compline, Matins, Divine Liturgy of the Nativity, 9:30pm **SIGNUP REQUIRED**
- Fri 12/25: Divine Liturgy of the Nativity, 9:30am **SIGNUP REQUIRED**
- Sat 12/26: Divine Liturgy for the Synaxis of the Theotokos, 9:30am

**Memory Eternal...**
- John Super (Today)
- Laurel, mother of Stana Eager (Tomorrow)
- Ignatious, grandfather of Richard Keeney (Tuesday)
- Jeanette, mother of Leah Ann Jones (Saturday)
- David, father of Fr. Michael Medis (Saturday)
- May their memories be eternal!

**Happy Nameday...**
- Niko Piatko, Nicholas Pfeifer, CJ Bosler, Nicholas Moulton (Today)
- Dave Cross—St. Ambrose (Tomorrow)
- Hannah Cleverger (Wednesday)
- May God grant you many years!

**Happy Birthday...**
- Chris Chichura (Today)
- Alex Kreibergs (Tomorrow)
- Yoseph Aklilu (Tuesday)
- CJ Bosler (Thursday)
- Emma Sarris (Friday)
- May God grant you many years!

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**The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians Ephesians 5:9-19**

Brothers and sisters: The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

**Christmas Presents for those in need...**
- Holy Trinity is 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 you can pick and choose from. You do not need to purchase all items listed. Select one nicer item; scarf, hat or gloves. Other ideas; lotion, bath gel, body spray or Christmas candy. (RS requested no gift cards) Include a Christmas card in the wrapped box. Please put a tag on the gift marked man or woman (you can use the tag from the tree). Please return the items by no later than December 13. 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 dcssheffer@gmail.com

**Secret Stones at Holy Trinity...**
At our virtual St. Nicholas Festival, we announced a new project for the month of December - Secret Stones at Holy Trinity. Try to participate in the tradition of St. Nicholas giving gifts in secret. As we all visit the church at different times during this pandemic, we would like to start leaving secret surprises for each other throughout the month - beautiful secret stones! We hope many people will participate. The task is simple: paint a few small stones with an image, a design, or an encouraging message. Children and adults can participate. Next time you are at Holy Trinity, secretly leave your small stones somewhere on the property for someone else to find. When you find a stone, enjoy it! Feel free to take it home or hide it in secret in a new location. And maybe post a photo in our private Facebook page or email to Fr. Tim or Erin Moulton ( moultonee@gmail.com) to share. If you need supplies, small supply bags will be available in the narthex throughout the month. Feel free to use your own paints and stones at home, too.

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**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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