Parish News

Parish Council…
• Next Meeting: January 19th 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 masks 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 24 (Goal 72)
  - Pledged $102,780 (Goal $262,000)

Children’s Book Fair…
• Be sure to browse the amazing selection of Orthodox Children’s books in the church hall!

Many years…
• Many years to Tracie & Patrick Murphy who were Chrismated before Vespers yesterday!

Financial Update…

Mon-December 21
Nativity Fast
Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19
Mark 9:42-10:1

Tue-December 22
Nativity Fast
Hebrews 4:1-13
Mark 10:2-12

Wed-December 23
Nativity Fast
Hebrews 5:11-6:8
Mark 10:11-16

Thur-December 24
Strict Fast
Hebrews 1:1-12
Luke 2:1-20

Fri-December 25
No Fast
Galatians 4:4-7
Matthew 2:1-12

SATURDAY-DECEMBER 26
Hebrews 2:11-18
Matthew 2:13-23
2nd Day of the Nativity
Synaxis of the Theotokos
Divine Liturgy 9:30am
Vespers 5:00pm

SUNDAY-DECEMBER 27
Galatians 1:11-19
Matthew 2:13-23
Joseph the Betrothed, David the King,
James the Brother of the Lord
Divine Liturgy 9:30am
Divine Liturgy 10:30am

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.
Resurrection Troparion (Tone 3)
Let all in heaven rejoice. Let all on earth be glad! For the Lord has acted, mightily in His arm: He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the pit of Hades, and has granted to the world His great mercy.

Troparion for the 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!

Troparion to St. Ignatius (Tone 4)
By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, You became a successor to their throne. By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, You became a successor to their throne. 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!

Alleluia Verses:
We have heard with our ears, O God, for our fathers have told us. For You have saved us from them that oppose us, and have put to shame them that hate us.

Communion Hymns:
Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

Frozen Chickens...
Four Calling Birds? Three French Hens? No, but we do have Ten Christmas Chickens who are weary of roosting in the church freezer. These frozen birds need good homes that are willing to stew, roast, bake, fry, grill, or otherwise cook them as soon as they are safely thawed and of course, to then consume them. If you would like a chicken for yourself and friends, let Fr. Tim know so that a convenient poultry pick-up time can be arranged.

Memory Eternal...
• Genevieve, mother of Eric Wenger (Tomorrow) • Lorenzo, grandfather of Toni Kreibergs (Saturday) May their memories be eternal!

Happy Nameday...
• Isaac Miller—St. John of Kronstadt (Today) • Jane Dotson—St. Juliana (Tomorrow) • Anna Tobin Jerden, Anna Rueschhoff, Slacay Suarez (Tuesday) May God grant you many years!

Happy Birthday...
• Maria George (Today) • Liam Ver Meer (Tomorrow) • Sean McElroy (Tomorrow) • Jason Pletcher (Tuesday) • Jonathan Imgrund (Tuesday) • Marcella Kostos (Wednesday) • Richard Keeney (Thursday) May God grant you many years!

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews
Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40
Brothers and sisters: By faith Abraham dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises opposed up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,” concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king’s command. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned the9 arm of the enemies. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Schedule of Services for the Nativity...
• Monday 12/21: Vespers of the PreFeast, 6:30pm • Tuesday 12/22: Vespers of the PreFeast, 6:30pm • Wednesday 12/23: Vespers of the PreFeast, 6:30pm • 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

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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