

**Holy Transfiguration  
Melkite Greek-Catholic Church**

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**September 27, 2020**

H & S Newly Crowned Servants of God, Trevor & Kristen Novak

H & S Sunday School, Students, Teachers, & Staff

H & S Doris Sears - Family

H & S Carrie Severino - Friends

H & S Greg Farrah - Family

H & S Zelig Wasserman - Coe Family

H & S Gabe & Natalia Santiago - Barbara Dillon

H & S Roger & Elizabeth Ashooh - Barbara Dillon

H & S Star Danfora - Family

+ Archimandrite Elias Murkus - Khoury Family

+ Presbyter George Khoury - Khoury Family

+ Presbyter Albert Wehby - Family

+ Bahijah Khoury - Khoury Family

+ Elias al-Eid - Khoury Family

+ Rashid, Rafiq, Samira, & Nabil Khoury - Khoury Family

+ Anne Gallagher - Family

+ Antoinette Fakhouri - Family

+ Caynaan Saah - Family

+ George Tabash - Family

+ Laurice Jagganathan - Family

+ Reema Samaha - Family

+ Saba Shami - Family

+ Elizabeth Doris & Elsie Barbara Ashooh - Barbara Dillon

+ Scott Johnson - Barbara Dillon

+ Norman Krauss - Family

+ Elena Blas Aguilar - Julio Blas

+ Maria Luz Vides de Galdamez - Julio Blas

+ Teddy M. Hadeed - Family

**Schedule at a Glance**

Sunday, Sept. 27	Orthros, 9:15 AM
	Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM
Saturday, Oct. 3	Vespers, 6:00 PM
Sunday, Oct. 4	Orthros, 9:15 AM
	Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM

**TO WATCH THE LIVE STREAM** of our services, you have two basic options: the first is to go to our YouTube channel and to look for the video marked "live." Just be aware that will be marked that way before the video actually goes live, so if you click before the stream is active, you will only see a still image of the Church. YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/holytransfigurationmelkitegreekcatholicchurch>

The second way to access the streams, is to go to the parish website (<http://holytransfiguration.org>), where the "live stream of Church Services" page will point you to the YouTube channel. There is also a calendar visible on that page which shows a schedule of all the upcoming services, so you can see what services are coming up, and at what time they will be held. Whenever there is a baptism, there will be no livestream for Orthros.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Today we are pleased to celebrate an important event in our parish life. The children and the adults who teach them will be praying together and will be blessed at the start of a new School Year, helping all to realize how Christ lives in each one, and the Church as a whole. This sentiment is not merely a group of words, but an incentive for all the faithful to grow in faith. We ask God to grant to His servants, our students, our teachers, our staff, and ourselves "Many happy years".

**PLEASE NOTE** that the use of a mask is requested.

**YOUR CLERGY** are available if you are in need of the Holy Mysteries of confession, Holy Anointing, or Communion of the Sick. Please call the rectory, 703-734-9198. In the near future, we will make arrangements to resume house blessings.

**OUR VIRTUAL FOOD FESTIVAL IS LIVE!** We are thrilled to announce that our parish VIRTUAL FOOD FESTIVAL is live!

Join us at [www.middleeasternfoodfestival.com](http://www.middleeasternfoodfestival.com) to enjoy photos, videos, recipes, music, dancing, church tours and more, including a special message from Father Mark (<https://youtu.be/SiZ0i6JpNJA>).

Please also consider supporting Holy Transfiguration with the purchase of a special limited-edition "Spread Hummus, Not Hate" Holy Transfiguration T-shirt, available through our fundraising site here:

<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/holy-t-foodfest>

Available for \$20 each, the t-shirt will be shipped directly to your home in mid-October. Please note that the T-shirts are only available to purchase until October 28! Additional donations are also accepted at the T-shirt campaign link, as well as directly on the Food Festival website.

We will definitely miss being together in person, but look forward to working together as a parish family next year in hosting another legendary Food Festival for our community.

**THE ICON: THEOLOGY IN COLOR** Fr. Mark will be offering a 4-part workshop series on iconography in October. This series is about understanding and reading the Holy Icons as an essential aspect of Orthodox Catholic Tradition. This is important for any Christian who strives to live their faith according to the Byzantine Tradition. It will not deal with the techniques of iconography except in passing. But the content is absolutely essential for one who desires to paint icons. The workshop will be held in the parish hall on Saturdays at 12:30 PM according to the following schedule:

- Saturday October 17th- Introduction: The Icon as Tradition and the Icon as a Relationship
- Saturday October 24th - Main Types of Icons: Christ, The Theotokos, Saints
- Saturday October 31st -The Language and Vocabulary of the Icon – Liturgy, Scripture, the Classical World. The Icons of the Great Feasts.
- Saturday November 7th- Icons of the Great Feasts (continued), The Church Building as Icon, The Icon in the Spiritual Life

A video of the sessions will be available from Fr. Mark upon request at the conclusion of the series. All are welcome.

**PROTECTING YOUR CHILDREN ONLINE** As adults and children alike have turned to digital tools for school, work, and socialization, online safety matters now more than ever. Join us on Sunday October 4 from 8-9 pm

for an online presentation by Subdeacon Anson, who uses these same guidelines in his work managing a religious education program of 600 children at a local Catholic parish, on how to protect your children and the whole family online. Registration is required for this online meeting. Please use the following link to register and receive Zoom meeting information: <https://bit.ly/3mUbODt>

### **LADIES GUILD ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

All ladies 18+ are welcome and encouraged to join! Every heart and hand is needed as we unite in our love of Christ and our desire to serve Him through serving His people, and supporting our clergy and one another. For more information, please email: [ladiesguildht@gmail.com](mailto:ladiesguildht@gmail.com)

**THE MELKITE MEN** – We are the men of the Holy Transfiguration Church who gather together for koinonia (κοινωνία), enjoying the company of other real men doing real men things - Orthodox praying, big bonfires, food, beverages & spiritual growth. Our koinonia is open to all men - Melkite or not, parishioners or not. Join us every first Saturday of the month. Our next meeting is Saturday, October 3.

- Meeting Schedule
- 6:00 PM Vespers
- 6:45 PM Koinonia & Spiritual Talk
- 8:30 PM Conclusion

For more information, contact Subdeacon Anson or [Men@MelkiteMen.org](mailto:Men@MelkiteMen.org) - Don't sit on the couch Saturday evening; come be a Melkite Man!

**The Gospel of St. John: A Weekly Online Study in Arabic and English led by Fr. Ephrem I. Handal**

**English Bible Study Tuesdays 7 PM - 8 PM**

**دراسة في انجيل القديس يوحنا الخميس ٧ - ٨ مساء**

**Arabic & English Zoom Conference Meeting Link:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89222971400?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89222971400?pwd=OHZlZm84eVlsYm43UU52UfN2KzJsQT09)

[pwd=OHZlZm84eVlsYm43UU52UfN2KzJsQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89222971400?pwd=OHZlZm84eVlsYm43UU52UfN2KzJsQT09)

**Meeting ID: 892 2297 1400**

**Passcode: Melkite**