

**Holy Transfiguration  
Melkite Greek-Catholic Church**

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**December 20, 2020**

H & S Barbara Leone- Subdeacon Frank Aleman

H & S Millie & Boyd Skaine - Subdeacon Frank Aleman

H & S Ian DeWolf - Klimon Family

H & S William Klimon- Klimon Family

H & S Carrie Severino - Friends

H & S Raymond & Irene Husson - Joseph & Sheryl Gangi

H & S Georgianna Kostak- Klimon Family

H & S Doris Sears- Family

H & S Lawson Hamilton- Family

H & S Margot Byrum - Family

H & S Miles Carlisle - Family

H & S Zoraida Aleman- Family

H & S Gene Horman - David & Julie Carlson

H & S Lynn Jabara - Battey Family

H & S Gabe & Natalia Santiago - Barbara Dillon

H & S Roger & Elizabeth Ashooh- Barbara Dillon

+ Sabah Samaha - Family

+ George & Elena Hajjar - Michael Hajjar

+ Julia Bichera - Michael Hajjar

+ Maria Baker - Michael Hajjar

+ Anne Gallagher - Family

+ Antoinette Fakhouri - Family

+ Caynaan Saah - Family

+ Ellen Klump - Family

+ Ellen T. Klump - Family

+ George Tabash - Family

+ Laurice Jagganathan - Family

+ Mary Vartanian - Family

+ Reema Samaha - Family

+ Elizabeth & Elsie Ashooh - Barbara Dillon

+ Scott Johnson - Barbara Dillon

**Schedule at a Glance**

Sunday, Dec. 20      Orthros, 9:15 AM  
Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM

Monday, Dec. 21      Vespers, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 23      Vespers, 7:30 PM

Thursday, Dec. 24      Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM  
Orthros, 10:00 PM  
Divine Liturgy, 11:00 PM

*There will be no Divine Liturgy during the  
daylight hours of Christmas.*

Saturday, Dec. 26      Vespers, 6:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 27      Orthros, 9:15 AM  
Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM

**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 at 703-734-9198.

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

**CONDOLENCES** to the family on the falling asleep in the Lord of Mr. Sabah Samaha. Funeral arrangements are in process.

**CONFESSIONS** Will not be offered during the Christmas Services on the 24th. Please plan ahead. If you need to arrange for an alternate time, please call the rectory at 703-734-9198.

**FLOWERS FOR NATIVITY 2020** In keeping with the custom of offering flowers for the living & reposed and having them remembered during Divine Liturgy, we encourage you to make a donation for the beautification of our church for Nativity. Printed Nativity Flowers donation forms are available in the narthex.

Emily Bickl can receive your donations (made out to Holy Transfiguration Church), or they can be mailed directly to "Holy Transfiguration Church, Attn: Emily Bickl, 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean, VA 22102".

If you would like to make sure your commemorations arrive in time for the Nativity liturgy, please type in or scan the form and email it to Emily at: [emily.c.bickl@gmail.com](mailto:emily.c.bickl@gmail.com)

**THE BISHOP'S APPEAL** As we prepare our hearts and our homes to receive the greatest gift in human history—the Nativity of Christ our God—let us not forget our Melkite Church by which Christ comes to our families and loved ones. Please give a special end-of-year, tax-deductible gift to the Melkite Church to support all the vital works of our Church in America, and for our suffering brothers and sisters.

Remember the Melkite Church in Your Will: Give the lasting gift of the Melkite Faith to your children's children and help to ensure that our beautiful Melkite heritage continues to flourish for generations to come. Simply add the following statement to your last will and testament: I hereby bequeath to the Melkite Eparchy of Newton the following sum: \$\_\_\_\_\_. Contact Bishop NICHOLAS personally to inform him of your generous bequest: 3 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132.

**THE NATIVITY FAST** (also called the Fast of St. Philip, whose feast day is on November 14) traditionally began on November 15. During this period, we abstain from meat and meat products as well as from dairy products. On December 13, the fast becomes stricter and in addition to abstinence of meat and dairy, we also abstain from fish, wine, and olive oil. We may have wine and olive oil on Saturdays and Sundays.

**50th ANNIVERSARY OF HOLY TRANSFIGURATION** - Holy Transfiguration celebrates 50 years of worshipping as a community on January 10, 2021! We are planning lots of ways to commemorate this blessed event throughout the coming year, beginning with a "Such Sweet Memories" activity culminating on our anniversary date. Please participate by sharing your memories of Holy T. For more details, see the flyer and Memories Box in the hallway as you enter the Church building, or email your special memories or any questions to [ladiesguildht@gmail.com](mailto:ladiesguildht@gmail.com).

**THE 2021 CALENDARS ARE HERE!!** Please take a few moments to verify your contact information with Deaconess Melissa after Divine Liturgy and pick up your calendar.

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR MONTHLY SPONSORS** for 2021 bulletins. Sponsorship is \$50 per month. The following months are available: September, October, & November. If interested, please see Deaconess Melissa after Divine Liturgy or send an email to [office@holytransfiguration.org](mailto:office@holytransfiguration.org)

**Coming Soon! Acts of the Apostles (أعمال الرسل):**  
A Weekly Online Study led by Fr. Ephrem I. Handal

**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."  
<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. Whenever there is a baptism, there will be no livestream for Orthros.