

**Holy Transfiguration
Melkite Greek-Catholic Church**

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June 27, 2021

H & S Newly Illumined Servant of God, Philip Theodore Wehle
 H & S Newly Chrismated Servant of God, Mina Therese Severino
 H & S Norma Daho, who offers the holy oil
 H & S Kristen Berg – Ortiz family
 H & S Isam Daho - Family
 H & S Wehle family - Family
 H & S Eva Marie Severino – Family
 H & S Paulette Shalhoub – Family
 H & S Robert Shalhoub – Family
 H & S Doris Sears – Family
 H & S Lynn Jabara – Battey family
 H & S Gabe & Natalia Santiago – Family
 H & S Roger & Elizabeth Ashooh – Family
 H & S Nicholas & Ruth Polis – Family
 H & S Bridget Kidd – Polis family
 H & S John Kidd – Polis family
 H & S Catherine & Clare Polis – Family
 H & S Ronald & Neva Farrah – Deacon Joseph Olt & family
 H & S Mary Baroody – Deacon Joseph Olt & Family
 + Presbyter Richard Rohrer – Severino family
 + Salem George Annab **MEMORIAL** – Family
 + Maryfran Milbank – Protodeacon David & Diakonissa Cathy Baroody
 + Mary Azar – Family
 + John Kakaty – Family
 + Thomas Kalil – Family
 + Anne Gallagher – Family
 + Caynaan Saah – Family
 + Elizabeth & Elsie Ashooh – Family
 + George Tabash – Family
 + Reema Samaha – Family
 + Scott Johnson – Family
 + George Polis – Family
 + Edward & Ruth Byrnes – Family
 + Matthew Parowski – Thomas Baptiste
 + Nicholas Polis – Family

Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, June 27	Baptism, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, June 29	Saints Peter & Paul Divine Liturgy, 6:30 PM
Saturday, July 3	Vespers, 6:00 PM
Sunday, July 4	Baptism, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM

THERE WILL Be a second collection today for Peter's Pence.

BISHOP NICHOLAS has asked that the Covid restrictions reflect those of the local Diocese of Arlington. Thus:

- Masks are no longer required if one is vaccinated. Otherwise, they are encouraged. No one will inquire as to vaccination status, and no one will be denied entry to the church.
- Six-foot distancing is no longer required.

We are in the process of rethinking coffee hour, antidoron, and a number of our other pre-pandemic practices.

Please be patient and remember that our most compelling law is compassion and charity, of action and of speech.

THE APOSTLES FAST began at sundown on the feast of All Saints (the Sunday following Pentecost) and continues until the feast of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29th. During this time, we abstain from meat and meat products and dairy products. There is no abstinence of fish, shellfish, vegetables, fruit, or olive oil.

50th ANNIVERSARY EVENT: Interested in knowing more about the Icon of the Transfiguration?

How about our Church Logo – any idea what it means? And how many baptisms do you think have occurred at Holy Transfiguration since our founding? Father Mark answers these questions and more. And they're just a click away - [Holy Transfiguration - Icon, Logo, and By the Numbers](#). Or find the link on our jubilee website - holymtransfiguration.org/50th.

An Introduction to Eastern Christianity From venerating icons and lighting candles, to singing without instruments and standing throughout the liturgy, the initial experience of Eastern Christian worship can be somewhat disorienting for those more familiar with Western Christian traditions. If you are interested in learning more about Eastern Christian worship and spirituality, please join our Adult Education team as they offer a 5-week online introductory catechesis series beginning on Tuesday, June 15th.

All sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at 8 PM via Zoom. Please join us by clicking the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88678800948?pwd=TTdodCsWwCtSdnczWWJkYkdMdk84QT09>

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(Washington DC)

FOOD FESTIVAL SWEETS MAKING DAYS ARE HERE! We warmly invite you to help us prepare traditional sweets for the 2021 Festival. All are welcome to join us in the Church Hall from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm on the following three Saturdays: (Making sweets is a lot of fun and no special skills are required!)

- Sat. July 17, July 31, & Aug. 14: Baklava Varieties

Help is also needed, just before the Festival, from 9 am to 4 pm on these three days:

- Tues. Aug. 31, Wed. Sept. 1, & Thurs. Sept. 2: Packing Sweets into containers

To view our "Guidelines for Volunteers" and to sign up to help, please go to the following link or email Lani Kanakry at kanakry@cox.net

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4DA5A62C7-2021>

COFFEE HOUR IS COMING BACK! As things return to normal, we will be reinstating regular coffee hours beginning after Labor Day and are looking for volunteers to take charge of one week every few months.

Hosting a coffee hour includes making coffee and lemonade before Liturgy, making sure supplies are out during coffee hour, and cleaning up afterward.

If you aren't familiar with the process, there are guides posted in the kitchen and Mike Hajjar is available to give personalized instruction on the large coffee urn.

Sign up for a spot online at "<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050445adab283-coffee>" or reach out to Carrie Severino at carrie.severino@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

Volunteers will also be circulating after Liturgy for the next several weeks to help people sign up using the online form or to answer questions.

June 2021

St. Paul's Epistles to the Galatians
رسائل القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية

A Weekly Online Study led by
Fr. Ephrem I. Handal

English Bible Study, Tuesdays 7 PM - 8 PM
Arabic Bible Study, Thursday 7 PM - 8 PM

Arabic & English Zoom Conference Meeting Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89222971400?pwd=OHZlZm84eVlsYm43UU52UfN2KzJsQT09>

Meeting ID: 892 2297 1409
Passcode: Melkite

For further information, contact Fr. Ephrem at ephandal50@gmail.com

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/holytransfigurationmelkitegrcekcatholicchurch> The second way to access the streams, is to go to the parish website (<http://holymtransfiguration.org>), where the "live stream of Church Services" page will point you to the channel.