

Holy Transfiguration
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July 18, 2021

H & S Newly Illumined Handmaiden of God, Phoebe Christiana Sauer
 H & S Colette Hynes, who offers the Holy Qurban
 H & S Sean Murphy & family - Mary & Phillip Battey
 H & S Kristen Berg - Joseph & Sheryl Gangi
 H & S Emily & Josh Bickl - Mary & Phillip Battey
 H & S Kalil family - Family
 H & S Irene Husson - Family
 H & S Paulette Shalhoub - Family
 H & S Robert Shalhoub - Family
 H & S Doris Sears - Family
 H & S Lynn Jabara - Phillip & Mary Battey
 H & S Gabe & Natalia Santiago - Family
 H & S Roger & Elizabeth Ashooh - Family
 H & S Nicholas & Ruth Polis - Family
 H & S Bridget Kidd - Family
 H & S John Kidd - Family
 H & S Catherine & Clare Polis - Family
 + Thomas Kalil **MEMORIAL 40-Day** - Family
 + Ford & Renee Kalil - Family
 + Christine Kalil - Family
 + Elias Abs - Family
 + Josephine Haddad - Youth Group
 + Ellen Klump - Family
 + Irene Roberts - Dorham Family
 + Leonard Wood - Robert Shalhoub
 + Maryfran Milbank - Baroody family
 + Kalil Wakim - 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
 + Nicholas Polis - Family

Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, July 18	Baptism, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, July 20	St. Elias Divine Liturgy, 6:30 PM
Saturday, July 24	Vespers, 6:00 PM
Sunday, July 25	Baptism, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM

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.

Feast of the Transfiguration: Celebrate Divine Liturgy with us for our Parish Feast Day, the Feast of the Transfiguration, on August 6th, for the 50th time! Bishop Nicholas will be presiding. Immediately following Divine Liturgy, we will enjoy a **parish wide fish dinner**. But we need to know if you will attend. Please sign up for the dinner in the church hall following Divine Liturgy on 7/18 and 7/25 or RSVP your reply to ladiesguildht@gmail.com and let us know how many will be attending. **Deadline to reserve your spot is July 28th.**

Music of Holy T now uploaded to anniversary website! Holy Transfiguration is blessed with a

wonderful and active congregation whose unified voice sings praise to God and fills the Church during every service. Please enjoy a few of our hymns sung by the congregation, some of the ladies, and many of our younger members, by clicking on our jubilee website - holytransfiguration.org/50th - and selecting the links under Holy Transfiguration - the Music.

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 continue the 5-week online introductory catechesis series, which began 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=TTdodCsWcTsdnczWWJkYkdMdk84QT09>

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(Washington DC)

St. Gregory the Theologian Catechetical School Presents: An Introduction to Byzantine Spirituality
How do we experience God? How are we saved? Our salvation in Jesus Christ is more than words, ideas, and religious rituals. It is a transformative and organic union with Jesus Christ and illumination by Divine Light. In this adult education series, we will explore our prayer and spiritual life as an expression of God's love for us. Please join us on the back patio (weather permitting) or in the hall on Sundays at 12:30 for this 3-part introduction to Byzantine spirituality, according to the following schedule:

- July 18 – A Spirituality of Beauty
- July 25 – A Spirituality of Simplicity

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!)

- Saturday, 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 are not 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.

July 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/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 channel.