

Holy Transfiguration
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H & S Newly Illumined Servant of God, Ayden Halabi
 H & S Sunday School Teachers, Staff, & Students
 H & S Stephanie Baroody - Family
 H & S Halabi family - Family
 H & S Sam Sawaya - Flower Committee
 H & S Rita Melone Family
 H & S Paulette Shalhoub - Family
 H & S Robert Shalhoub- Family
 H & S Doris Sears - Family
 H & S Lynn Jabara - Family
 H & S Gabe & Natalia Santiago - Family
 H & S Roger & Elizabeth Ashooh - Family
 H & S Nicholas & Ruth Polis - Family
 H & S Bridget & John Kidd - Family
 H & S Catherine & Clare Polis- Family
 H & S Kristen Berg - Family
 H & S Irene Starrs - Family
 + Saba Shami- Amira, Yousef, & Amir Shami
 + Zoraida Aleman - Protodeacon David & Deaconess
 Cathy Baroody
 + Thomas Brown - Family
 + Irene Husson - Protodeacon David & Deaconess Cathy
 Baroody
 + George & Helene Sawaya - Flower Committee
 + 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
 + Charles Marquardt - Family
 + Paul Marquardt - Family
 + Kalil Wakim - Family

Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, Sept. 19	Baptism/Sunday School, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM Parish Mahrajan (Picnic), following Divine Liturgy
Saturday, Sept. 25	Vespers, 6:00 PM
Sunday, Sept. 26	Orthros/Sunday School, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM

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, diocese and one another. Please see sign up info in the church hall or email: ladiesguildht@gmail.com for more information.

FLOWER DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED for the first half of the new 2021-2022 liturgical year! Please consider choosing a feast day or two to contribute to the beautiful flowers that adorn our church. Flower donation forms will be available in the narthex and via parish email, or you may email emily.c.bickl@gmail.com to receive a form. Donations (made out to Holy Transfiguration Church) may be given to Emily Bickl, another flower committee member, or may be mailed to the church. Thank you so much for your generosity, and "Sanctify those that love the beauty of Thy house."

A REMINDER to please take the precautionary guidelines for Covid protocol seriously. Care for our neighbor is our chief concern.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Today is Sunday School's "Meet and Greet." It will take place in the church hall at 9:15 AM. You will have an opportunity to meet teachers, and we will have an opportunity to meet students. Some teachers are new, and some students will be new also. If

you have children that have been in Sunday School - welcome back. It will be good to have everyone back together again and provide an opportunity for the children to renew friendships and to make new ones (adults too). If you are considering enrolling your children in Sunday School, please join us in the church hall. We will do our best to answer any questions you may have about where the classes will take place and what the protocol will be. Please come and we will try to answer your questions. We will also be talking about the schedule of classes, activities, etc.

COFFEE HOUR IS HERE As things return to normal, we are reinstating regular coffee hours and initially meeting outside. We 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 available 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. 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.

St. Gregory the Theologian Catechetical School Presents Eastern Christian Catechesis – Online If you are interested in learning more about Eastern Christian worship and spirituality in general, and our own Melkite tradition in particular, please join our Adult Education team as they offer a multi-week online catechesis series that began on Tuesday, August 17th.

Most of our discussions will be focused on readings from the late Fr. Thomas Hopko's "The Orthodox Faith" series, available online at this link:

<https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith>

As needed, we will supplement our reading and discussion material with articles and books more specific to the Melkite Church.

All sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at 8 PM via Zoom. Please join us by clicking the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88678800948?pwd=TTdodCsWwCtSdnczWWJkYkdMdk84QT09>

Meeting ID: 886 7880 0948

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(Washington DC)

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيكي

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

English Bible Study, Tuesdays 7 PM - 8 PM - Eastern Standard Time (EST)

Arabic Bible Study, Thursday 7 PM - 8 PM - Eastern Standard Time (EST)

Arabic & English Zoom's 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
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Changes to Church Livestreaming Recognizing the change in COVID restrictions for attendance at services, the livestream schedule has changed: Only the Divine Liturgy will be streamed on most weekends. However, for great feasts, both Vespers and Divine Liturgy will be streamed. Also, on the first full weekend of each month, Saturday Vespers and Sunday Orthros will be streamed in addition to the Divine Liturgy. The livestream, as well as past recordings, can be found at the following URL: youtube.com/c/HolyTransfigurationMelkiteGreekCatholicChurch