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H & S Laurent & Mary Baptiste - Thomas Baptiste  
 H & S Edward Barbara- Family  
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 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  
 H & S Katrina Bseirani - Family  
 + Sarah Baroody - Maribeth & Jeffrey Lowe, Ted Baroody, Jr.  
 + Theodore Baroody- Maribeth & Jeffrey Lowe, Ted Baroody, Jr.  
 + Elsie Ashooh - Maribeth & Jeffrey Lowe, Ted Baroody, Jr.  
 + Elizabeth Ashooh - Maribeth & Jeffrey Lowe, Ted Baroody, Jr.  
 + Alice Abs- Family  
 + Zoraida Aleman - Family  
 + Thomas Brown - Family  
 + Salim Kanakry - Kanakry Family  
 + Virginia Kfoury - Kfoury & Eiland families  
 + Marie Kfoury Singer - Kfoury & Eiland families  
 + Anne Gallagher - Family  
 + Caynaan Saah - Family  
 + George Tabash- Family  
 + Reema Samaha - Family  
 + Scott Johnson - Family  
 + George Polis - Family  
 + Edward & Ruth Byrnes - Family  
 + Nicholas Polis - Family  
 + Kalil Wakim - Family  
 + Christopher Vece – Ortiz family  
 + Irene Husson - Family

**Schedule at a Glance**

Sunday, Oct. 3	Orthros/Sunday School, 9:15 AM  Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM
Saturday, Oct. 9	Vespers, 6:00 PM
Sunday, Oct. 10	Orthros/Sunday School, 9:15 AM  Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM

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

There will be a **Ladies Guild virtual meeting today at 3 pm** - email [ladiesguildht@gmail.com](mailto:ladiesguildht@gmail.com) for more info.

**The 50th Anniversary Committee** would like to thank everyone who turned out for the Parish Mahrajan. We hope you had a wonderful time as we did! And the Committee would also like to express its heartfelt thanks to all those who helped make the Mahrajan a success through their tireless efforts shopping, setting up, cooking, sandwich-making, serving, breaking down, and everything else in between. May God bless you for your love and dedication to our church and church family.

**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](mailto:ladiesguildht@gmail.com) for more information.

**THE LADIES GUILD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ARABIC SWEETS SALE** is now underway! In

addition to being a lovely addition to your Holiday table, these sweets make wonderful gifts! All of the delicious Arabic sweets that we offer for sale are prepared using traditional recipes. We use only the best ingredients and take the greatest care to create "treats" that are not only a joy to taste but also beautiful to look at.

Place your order\* at the Sweets Table in the Church Hall on Sundays from 10/3 until the 10/31 deadline. Or, if you prefer, order by mail by using a downloadable order form which will be available on the church website in the coming days. Please note that Sweets Pick-Up Days are Sat., Dec. 4 and Sun., Dec. 5. For more information, contact Lani Kanakry at 703-200-6416 or [kanakry@cox.net](mailto:kanakry@cox.net)

Please be aware that, because of continuing uncertainties about Covid, we are limiting our sweets production this year and will have fewer items available for "post sales." So, place your order soon!

**ARABIC SWEETS BAKING DAYS.** Please join us to make the delicious sweets that we use to fill orders for our Sales. We would like to extend a special invitation to all new members of the parish to join us! What a wonderful opportunity to help preserve time-honored traditions while learning new culinary skills and making friends! No special skills are needed—just a willingness to help!

Our sweets making days begin at 9:30 AM (9 AM on Saturdays). (Below is our schedule for October.) Please note: we ask that all volunteers wear masks and bring their own lunches. For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Lani Kanakry at 703-200-6416 or [kanakry@cox.net](mailto:kanakry@cox.net). You can also sign up to help at [www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4da5a62c7-arabic](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4da5a62c7-arabic).

- Thurs., 10/7: Date Mamoul
- Sat., 10/9: Pistachio Birds' Nests
- Mon., 10/11: Baklawa Walnut Birds' Nests
- Sat., 10/16: Date Mamoul
- Sun., 10/17: Coconut Makroons (starting around 12:15 pm)
- Fri., 10/22: Chocolate Hazelnut Birds' Nests
- Sat., 10/23: Baklawa – Squares & Triangles
- Thurs., 10/28: Nut Mamoul
- Fri., 10/29: Pistachio Birds' Nests
- Sat., 10/30: Pistachio Mamoul

**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=TTdodCsWwWcTsdnczWWJkYkdMdk84QT09>

Meeting ID: 886 7880 0948

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### **St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Thessalonians**

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية 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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**LIVESTREAM** The livestream, as well as past recordings, can be found at the following URL: [youtube.com/c/HolyTransfigurationMelkiteGreekCatholicChurch](https://youtube.com/c/HolyTransfigurationMelkiteGreekCatholicChurch)