

**Holy Transfiguration
Melkite Greek-Catholic Church**

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H & S Rachel Olt - Family
H & S Rita Melone - Family
H & S Paulette 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 Bernadette Witte - Family
H & S Laurent & Mary Baptiste - Thomas Baptiste
H & S Vickie Blount - Family
H & S Henry & Marianne Murad - Family
+ Irene Husson - Larry & Bunny Barrett
+ Gladys Kanakry - Flower Committee
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+ Fidencio Rodriguez - Family
+ Phillip Shadyac - Joseph & Sheryl Gangi
+ Robert Shalhoub - Theresa Marquardt & Family
+ Lynda Wilson - Flower Committee
+ Ronnie Zarou - 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
+ Kalil Wakim - Family
+ Amal Khoury - Ferdinand & Reem Mukhar

Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, Nov. 21	Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple Orthros/Sunday School, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM
Monday, Nov. 22	Paraklesis, 6:30 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 24	Vespers, 6:30 PM
Friday, Nov. 26	Paraklesis, 6:30 PM
Saturday, Nov. 27	Vespers, 6:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 28	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.

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL: At this time of year when we offer thanksgiving for all God's blessings, Our Lord speaks to us in the Gospel about storing up treasure in Heaven and about being rich in the things of God. Let us give back to the Lord in return for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let us give thanks to God for the precious gift of our Melkite Church and pay a tribute of thanksgiving for the labor and sacrifice of our forebears in the faith who have gone before us. Offer your thanks to God by giving a generous gift to the Bishop's Appeal. Extra donation forms are available in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity

THE NATIVITY FAST (also called the Fast of St. Philip, whose feast day is on November 14) traditionally begins 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.

IF YOU HAVE NAMES OF THE LIVING (baptismal names only, please) that you would like commemorated during the Paraklesis services chanted during the Nativity Fast, please give them to Deaconess Melissa Olt during coffee hour. Please see the Schedule at a Glance section in this bulletin for the schedule of services.

FOOD DRIVE REMINDER: This Sunday, November 21, is the final day to make donations for the parish food drive. The donations will go to Northern VA based, Food for Others. Canned goods and other nonperishables are requested. There will be tables and boxes in the hall to drop off donations. There you will also find the lists of requested donations. Thank you for your generosity.

THE ARABIC SWEETS SALES DEADLINE has now passed. To those who ordered sweets: a big “thank you!” and a reminder to mark your calendar to pick up your order on Sat., Dec. 4 (3:30-5pm) or Sun., Dec 5 (12-1pm). For more information, contact Lani Kanakry at 703-200-6416 or kanakry@cox.net

Arabic Sweets “PACKING WEEK.” Many thanks to all those who helped us this Fall produce sweets for our Christmas Sales. However, we still need MANY helpers for our busy “Packing Week,” when we prepare, package, and assemble all the sweets for order filling. So, please—if you can offer your assistance for even just a few hours—sign up as described below.

Our Packing-Week days begin at 9 AM except for Saturday, Dec. 4 when we start at 8:30 AM. Below is our final schedule. (Please wear a mask and bring your own lunch.) For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Lani Kanakry at 703-200-6416 or kanakry@cox.net You can also sign up online at the following URL:

www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4da5a62c7-arabic

- Mon. 11/29, Tues. 11/30, Wed. 12/1 & Fri. 12/3: Cupping & Packaging Sweets
- Sat. 12/4: Assembly Line Packing Variety Boxes (AM) & Order Filling (PM)
- Sun. 12/5: Help with Orders Pick Up (noon to 1 PM)

Nativity Charity - In your charity this Nativity season, help provide a small gift to a teenager in need. All too often, toy drives and other similar drives focus on younger children, while teenagers are underserved. Help us make Christmas a little more special for a few of these teenagers this year. Please consider making a cash donation as soon as possible but no later than December 12th. A collection box will be available in the Church Hall following services each Sunday. Your gifts will be converted into gift cards for distribution to the teenagers of families in need. Thank you for your generosity!

Born in March 2020 and currently serving over 5,000 monthly, the Maryland-based Upcounty Consolidation Hub provides much needed food and essentials to families disproportionately impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Despite the significant challenges this has brought to so many in the last 18 months, it has also brought opportunities to grow and change. Most importantly, it gave Upcounty Consolidation Hub an opportunity to bring people and organizations together in the service of others during a crisis. We hope you'll join us in serving the needs of others this holiday season.

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 please join our Adult Education team as they offer a multi-week online catechesis series. 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>

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St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنثوس

**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=OHZIZm84eVlsYm43UU52UFN2KzJsQT09>

Meeting ID: 892 2297 1400

Passcode: Melkite

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