

**Holy Transfiguration  
Melkite Greek-Catholic Church**

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H & S Mathilde Adjodha - Family

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H & S Mary Ellen Kalil- Family

H & S Grayson Kirschner - Georgianna Kostak

H & S Natasha Kotula - Georgianna Kostak

H & S Samaha Family – Family

H & S Joseph Shabbouk - 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 Mary Solis - Family

H & S Laurent & Mary Baptiste – Thomas Baptiste

H & S Diane Gingsurgh – John Vernoski

+ Teddy Hadeed **MEMORIAL 40 Years**

+ Elias Abs- Family

+ Maria Baker - Hajjar Family

+ Julia Bichera - Hajjar Family

+ Nora Dahdouh - Friends

+ George & Elena Hajjar - Hajjar Family

+ Thomas Kalil- Family

+ Ellen Klump - Family

+ John Samaha - Family

+ 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

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+ Edward & Ruth Byrnes - Family

+ Nicholas Polis - Family

+ Kalil Wakim - Family

**Schedule-at-a-Glance**

Sunday, Dec. 19	Orthros/Sunday School, 9:15 AM  Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM
Monday, Dec. 20	Divine Liturgy, 6:30 PM for Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch
Wednesday, Dec. 22	Paraklesis, 6:30 PM
Friday, Dec. 24	Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM  Orthros, 10:00 PM  Divine Liturgy, 11:00 PM
<b><i>There will be no Divine Liturgy during the daylight hours of Christmas.</i></b>	
Saturday, Dec. 25	Vespers, 6:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 26	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 2022 CALENDARS ARE HERE!!** Please take a few moments to verify your contact information with Deaconess Melissa after Divine Liturgy and pick up your calendar.

**THE BISHOP'S APPEAL:** As we prepare our hearts and our homes to receive the greatest gift in human history—the Nativity of Christ our God—let us not forget our Melkite Church by which Christ comes to

our families and loved ones. **Please give a special end-of-year, tax-deductible gift to the Melkite Church** to support all the vital works of our Church in America, and for our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters. Appeal envelopes and reply cards are available in the narthex. May God bless you for your generosity.

**REMEMBER THE MELKITE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL:** Give a lasting gift for future generations of Melkites and help to ensure that our beautiful Melkite heritage continues to grow and flourish for your children's children. Simply add the following statement to your last will and testament: I hereby bequeath to the Melkite Eparchy of Newton the following sum: \$\_\_\_\_\_. Contact Bishop NICHOLAS personally to inform him of your generous bequest: 3 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132.

**Thank You Thank You Thank You!!** A huge *thank you* to everyone who participated in our Nativity Charity to benefit Upcounty Consolidation Hub! They were overwhelmed by your response. Through your generosity we were able to provide gift cards and cookies to dozens of local teens and their families. May God bless you and bestow many blessings upon you!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** wants to wish everyone a Blessed Nativity and New Year. *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.* ROMANS 13:13

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

**THE LAST PARAKLESIS SERVICE** is on Wednesday, December 22. If you have name of the living (baptismal names only, please) that you would like commemorated during the Paraklesis services, please give them to Deaconess Melissa Olt during coffee hour.

**FLOWERS & COMMEMORATIONS FOR NATIVITY**  
We encourage you to make a donation for the beautification of our church for Nativity, and at the same time, to submit names of the living and reposed to be remembered at the altar during the festal liturgy. Printed Nativity Flowers donation forms are available in the narthex.

Emily Bickl can receive your forms and donations (made out to Holy Transfiguration Church), or they can be mailed directly to: Holy Transfiguration Church, Attn: Emily Bickl, 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean, VA 22102

If you would like to send your commemorations via email, feel free to fill in / scan the form and email it to Emily at: [emily.c.bickl@gmail.com](mailto:emily.c.bickl@gmail.com) (donations may be turned in separately). Last day to turn in commemoration names associated with flowers is Thursday, 12/23!

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR MONTHLY SPONSORS** for 2022 bulletins. Sponsorship is \$50 per month. The following months are available: February, March, April, June, August, September, October, & November. If interested, please see Deaconess Melissa during coffee hour.

**COFFEE HOUR CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!** We have enjoyed our return to coffee hours this fall and have been blessed by many volunteers. If you haven't signed up yet, we have lots of space starting in the new year. We are looking for volunteers to take charge of one coffee hour 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: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050445adab283-coffee> or reach out to Carrie Severino: [carrie.severino@gmail.com](mailto:carrie.severino@gmail.com)

**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=OHZlZm84eVlsYm43UU52UFN2KzJsQT09>

**Meeting ID: 892 2297 1409**

**Passcode: Melkite**

**For further information, contact Fr. Ephrem**

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