

**Holy Transfiguration  
Melkite Greek-Catholic Church**

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*Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!*

H & S Newly Illumined Servant of God, Elias Raphael Abou-Saba  
 H & S Diakonissa Melissa Olt - Attal family  
 H & S Michael Hajjar, who offers the Holy Wine  
 H & S Naia Botty - Hynes family  
 H & S Jabara family- Battey family  
 H & S William Gregory - Handal family  
 H & S Angie Hernandez - Carlson family  
 H & S Colette Hynes - Attal family  
 H & S Georgianna Kostak - Attal family  
 H & S Matthew & Zelig Marvin - Severino family  
 H & S Edesa Nadjmabadi - Handal family  
 H & S Rachel Olt - Attal family  
 H & S Jordan, Christine, Marcella, Wesley, Nicholas, & Isaac Pratt - Severino family  
 H & S Killian Stephens - Hynes family  
 H & S Rita Melone - Family  
 H & S Paulette Shalhoub - Family  
 H & S Doris Sears - 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 Mary Solis - Family  
 H & S Stephen Brown- Joseph & Sheryl Gangi  
 H & S Star Danfora - Family  
 H & S Mary Hamilton- Family  
 H & S Eileen Mary Jackson- Family  
 H & S Mary Baroody - Family  
 H & S Mariah & Ainsley Shea - Family  
 + Metropolitan Hilarion – Ortiz family  
 + Donald & AnnaKathryn Twombly **MEMORIAL 40 Years**  
 - Donald Twombly  
 + Shireen Abu Akleh- Misleh family  
 + Bernadette Witte - Sam Sawaya  
 + Anne Gallagher - Family  
 + Caynaan Saah - Family  
 + Elizabeth & Elsie Ashooh - Family  
 + George Tabash - Family

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+ Reema Samaha- Family  
 + Scott Johnson - Family  
 + George Polis - Family  
 + Edward & Ruth Byrnes - Family  
 + Nicholas Polis - Family  
 + Kalil Wakim - Family  
 + Robert Shalhoub - Family  
 + Lynn Jabara - Battey family  
 + Anne Saloom – Michael Hajjar  
 + Margaret Horn – Michael Hajjar

**Schedule at a Glance**

Sunday, May 22	Baptism/Sunday School, 9:15 AM  Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM
Wednesday, May 25	<b>Leave-taking of Pascha</b> Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM  Vespers for Ascension, 6:30 PM
Thursday, May 26	<b>Ascension</b> Divine Liturgy, 6:30 PM
Saturday, May 28	Vespers, 6:00 PM
Sunday, May 29	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.

**ICON & BOOK STORE** We are pleased to announce that two popular Sophia Press titles are now back in stock: the small green "A Book of the Hours" and the Horologion. "A Book of the Hours" contains the daily prayers of the Church (Orthros, Vespers, Compline and the little hours) abbreviated for home use, and the Horologion contains the entire Divine Office. Please remember that at this time we are unable to process

credit card or cash transactions. Please bring your checkbook when you stop in for a visit.

### Planning on Marriage at Holy Transfiguration?

1. Please contact the rectory and arrange to meet with Father Mark at least six months before the planned date of the Rite of Crowning or the Blessing of the Marriage for counseling and direction.
2. Participation of the couple in Holy Transfiguration's two-month marriage preparation program is expected prior to the Rite of Crowning or the Blessing of a Marriage.

**COFFEE HOUR** Our parish coffee hours are a key part of our legendary hospitality, but they need your help to be a success! 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. It's a great way to learn your way around the parish kitchen. 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](mailto:carrie.severino@gmail.com) to reserve a spot.

**FOOD FESTIVAL** There will be a brief info session following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 22 at about 12pm, on the back patio. At this session, Fr. Mark, Robbie Salem (Festival Chairman), and Lani Kanakry (Food/Sweets volunteer coordinator) will give you the scoop about our annual Labor Day Middle Eastern Food Festival. This brief meeting will be particularly informative for new parishioners who are not familiar with our Festival and the parish-wide effort that it takes to make this big enjoyable event a huge success and who would like to know how they can help.

We invite and welcome you to be there to hear about what our Festival is all about, the plans and needs necessary to make it happen, and how you can become involved and join in the fun to help.

Please join us on May 22, 12:00 PM, on the back patio.

If you cannot make it that day but would like to learn more about the Festival, please reach out to Lani Kanakry, 703-200-6416 ([kanakry@cox.net](mailto:kanakry@cox.net)), or Robbie Salem, ([ibnnelson@aol.com](mailto:ibnnelson@aol.com)), for more information.

**ONLINE ADULT CATECHESIS** 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 this Tuesday evening at 8 PM. Our topic will be "Sickness, Suffering and Death." If you would like to read ahead the readings can be found at the following URL: <https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/spirituality/sickness-suffering-and-death>

The Zoom information for our session is as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88678800948?pwd=TTdodCswWCtSdnczWWJkYkdMdk84QT09>

Meeting ID: 886 7880 0948

Passcode: Melkite

**"Deciphering Greek Inscriptions of Early Christian Iconography** "Virtual Summer Camp For ages 8-17. Join Fr. Sebastian Carnazzo, PhD. for "Greek in a Week" to learn about the meaning and history of Greek in iconography! Three week-long sessions will be offered. Monday through Friday, 11:30am - 11:55am EST.

- Session 1- May 23-27
- Session 2- June 20-24
- Session 3- July 11-15

Normally sessions cost \$125 per student, per course, per session, HOWEVER, as a special offer, Holy Transfiguration families may take these classes for FREE!

Register: Email- [academyofclassicalgreek@gmail.com](mailto:academyofclassicalgreek@gmail.com) or Phone: 831.272.3388

**ST. NICHOLAS CLUB** All families are invited to join the St. Nicholas Club for our Ascension event. We will meet at 5pm on Wednesday, May 25 to decorate the church with flowers for the feast and to learn about the Ascension. Sunday School will provide a snack and the event

### A Study in the Book of Psalms

دراسة في سفر المزامير

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

English Bible Study, **Tuesdays** 7 PM - 8 PM  
Arabic Bible Study, **Thursdays** 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

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