

**Holy Transfiguration
Melkite Greek-Catholic Church**

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H & S Christopher & Jennifer Kanakry **12 Years** – Lanette Kanakry
 H & S Sunday School students & their teachers – Sunday School
 H & S Yvette Butler – Kaska family
 H & S William Gregory – Handal family
 H & S Joseph Mannino – Friends
 H & S Edesa Nadjmabadi – Handal family
 H & S Natalia Pryimak – Kaska 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 Mary Hamilton – Family
 H & S Eileen Mary Jackson – Family
 H & S Mary Baroody – Family
 H & S Kelly & Karen Dobson – Flower Committee
 H & S John Gallagher – Family
 + Archimandrite Charles Aboody **MEMORIAL 5 Years**
 + Doris Matney Saleebi **MEMORIAL** - Khairallah family
 + Margaret Horn - Michael Hajjar
 + Jayne Mannino - Joseph Mannino
 + Afaf Massouh- George Samman & family
 + Henry Murad - Family
 + Lyudmila Pryimak - Kaska family
 + Maria Pryimak - Kaska family
 + Richard Saleeby - Khairallah family
 + Anne Salloom- Michael Hajjar
 + Husn Samman - George Samman & family
 + Liliane Samman - George Samman & family
 + Bernadette Witte - Sunday School
 + Anne Gallagher- Family
 + Caynaan Saah- Family
 + Elizabeth & Elsie Ashooh - Family
 + George Tabash - Family
 + Reema Samaha - Family

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+ Scott Johnson - Family
 + George Polis - Family
 + Edward & Ruth Byrnes - Family
 + Nicholas Polis - Family
 + Kalil Wakim - Family
 + Robert Shalhoub - Family
 + Lynn Jabara - Battey family

Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, May 29	Orthros/Sunday School, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM
Saturday, June 4	Saturday of the Dead Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM followed by memorial service Vespers, 6:00 PM
Sunday, June 5	Pentecost Orthros, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM Kneeling Vespers, 1:00 PM

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

NEXT SATURDAY, June 4, is Saturday of the Dead. A memorial service will take place following the morning Divine Liturgy. If you have names of the reposed that you would like commemorated, please give them to Deaconess Melissa following Divine Liturgy or email the names to office@holytransfiguration.org no later than Thursday evening.

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 to reserve a spot.

ONLINE ADULT CATECHESIS 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 this Tuesday evening at 8 PM as we conclude our series on Fr. Thomas Hopko's "The Orthodox Faith." Our topic will be "The Kingdom of Heaven." 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/the-kingdom-of-heaven>

The Zoom information for our session is as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88678800948?pwd=TTdodCswWctSdnczWWJkYkdMdk84QT09>

Meeting ID: 886 7880 0948

Passcode: Melkite

ANNAPOLIS OUTREACH NEWS The Divine Liturgy will be served at our Annapolis outreach on Sunday, June 12th at 3 PM. The outreach is being hosted by St. Mary's parish in Annapolis, MD located at 109 Duke of Gloucester Street. Please pray for the success of this effort.

MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD FESTIVAL COOKING DAYS ARE HERE! Please join us to make the delicious sweets and other traditional foods for this year's Festival. 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! The schedule for the next few weeks appears below. Our sweets making days begin at 9:30 AM (unless otherwise noted). Please note: Since Covid has not gone away and we are working with food, 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. You can also sign up to help at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4da5a62c7-2022>

- Wed. June 1: Baklava Walnut Birds' Nests Roses (Carrie Severino-leader)
- Sat. June 4: Walnut Maamoul (Lily Malakooti-leader)
- Sun. June 5: Coconut Makroons (Carrie Severino-leader) (starts AFTER Kneeling Vespers, at approx. 2 PM)
- Thurs. June 9: Baklava Chocolate Hazelnut Birds' Nests (Carrie Severino-leader)

SUNDAY SCHOOL Today is the final day of Sunday School. Regardless of all the issues with the Pandemic, we had a very good year. We look forward to another great year starting in September.

Special thanks to all our dedicated teachers that worked very hard to prepare lessons for your children. Also, thanks to all the parents who brought their children on Sunday morning.

A very special congratulations to Luke Bahan. He has been in Sunday School from Kindergarten thru 12th Grade. We are very proud of him, and we know he will accomplish many great things.

May God grant many blessed and happy years to Luke and to all the Teachers and Students of Sunday School.

YOUTH GROUP Please remember that there will be a meeting for parents and teens after the Divine Liturgy next Sunday. Youth participants must be between 13 years old by December 31, 2021 and under 19 years of age by July 24, 2022, and not yet in college. If you are interested, please stay for the meeting.

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=OHZlZm84eVlsYm43UU52UFN2KzJsOT09>

Meeting ID: 892 2297 1400
Passcode: Melkite

For further information, contact Fr. Ephrem at
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