

Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church

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 H & S Victoria, Brittany, & Michael Calvo - Laura Guglielmetti
 H & S Rita Melone- Family
 H & S Paulette Shalhoub - Family
 H & S Doris Sears - Family
 H & S Gabe & Natalia Santiago- Family
 H & S 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 Stephen Brown - Joseph & Sheryl Gangi
 H & S Eliza Hamilton - Family
 H & S Eileen Mary Jackson - Family
 H & S Mary Baroody - Family
 H & S David Kalil - Family
 H & S Ronald Farrah- Family
 H & S Jeanne Rosenbaum - Family
 H & S Mark Eschle - Family
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 H & S Ian DeWolf - Family
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 + Roger Ashooh - Family
 + George Tabash - Family
 + Reema Samaha - Family
 + Scott Johnson - Family
 + George Polis - Family
 + Edward & Ruth Byrnes - Family
 + Nicholas Polis - Family
 + Kalil Wakim - Family
 + Robert Shalhoub - Family
 + Theodore & Mabel Farrah - Family
 + George & Emily Alexandrou - Family
 + Trenton & Georgia Karalekas - Family
 + Neva Farrah- Family
 + Irene Starrs - Family

Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, Nov. 20	Sunday School/Orthros, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM Vespers – Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, 1:00 PM
Monday, Nov. 21	Divine Liturgy – Entrance of the Theotokos, 6:30 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 22	Morning Prayer, 7:00 AM
Wednesday, Nov. 23	Paraklesis, 6:30 PM
Thursday, Nov. 24	Morning Prayer, 7:00 AM
Friday, Nov. 25	Divine Liturgy – St. Catherine, 6:30 PM
Saturday, Nov. 26	Vespers, 6:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 27	Sunday School/Baptism, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM

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 or email them to office@holytransfiguration.org. Please see the Schedule at a Glance section in this bulletin for the schedule of services.

“Home for the Holidays!” - Marriage Enrichment - Saturday, December 17th, 4:00 - 5:30 . . . If you are married or preparing for marriage, you are invited to join us for light refreshments, conversation, and a brief presentation on setting appropriate boundaries in marriage. This event will be hosted by the Marriage Prep team and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP by December 11th to marriage@holytransfiguration.org.

ARABIC SWEETS PACKING WEEK Thanks to the help of many, wonderful volunteers, we have no more “sweets making” days this Fall. However, we **still need MANY helpers (the week after Thanksgiving) 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 instructed, below.

Our Packing Week hours are 9 AM to 4 PM, except for Saturday (12/3) when we start at 8:30 AM. (A potluck lunch will be available though you may bring your own lunch if you prefer.) Here is the final week’s schedule:

Mon., 11/28, Tues., 11/29, Wed., 11/30 & Fri., 12/2: Packing Sweets
Sat., 12/3 & Sun., 12/4: Assembly line, Filling Orders &/or Orders Pickup Help

For more information or to volunteer, contact Lani Kanakry at 703-200-6416 or SweetsSale@holytransfiguration.org. You can also sign up to help at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4da5a62c7-arabic1>

THE LADIES GUILD ARABIC SWEETS SALES DEADLINE for ORDERS has now PASSED! To those who ordered sweets: a big “thank you!” and a reminder to mark your calendar to pick up your order in the Church Hall on Saturday, December 3 (3:30-5pm) or Sunday, December 4 (12-1pm).

To those who did not place a sweets order: please know that we will have a limited number of boxed sweets available to purchase at our “post sales” table on Pick Up Day (Dec. 3 & 4). For more information, contact Lani Kanakry at 703-200-6416 or SweetsSale@holytransfiguration.org.

ADULT CATECHESIS AT HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

The Adult Catechesis team is currently offering an ongoing catechetical series designed to prepare our catechumens for entrance into the Church. All interested parishioners are welcome, and newer members of our community who have come from a Latin Catholic background are especially encouraged to attend. Today's session will begin at 12:15 PM in the Conference Room.

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.

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

For further information, contact Fr. Ephrem at
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