

**Holy Transfiguration
Melkite Greek-Catholic Church**

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Church Services: Saturday-6:00 PM Vespers (Confessions available) Sunday-9:15 AM Orthros (Confessions available)
 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Coffee Hour following)

February 2, 2020

- H & S Brian Smith - Family
- H & S Georgette Samaha - Family
- H & S Nancy Betress - Friends
- + Archimandrite Joseph Francavilla- Ricci Family
- + Presbyter Richard Rohrer - Family
- + Presbyter Carl Will - Family
- + Anne Gallagher - Family
- + Antoinette Fakhouri - Family
- + Caynaan Saah - Family
- + Christine Kalil - Family
- + George Tabash - Family
- + Laurice Jagganathan - Family
- + Reema Samaha - Family
- + Salim Kanakry - Family
- + John Murray- Monique Murray
- + Paul Marquardt- Phillip & Mary Battey

Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, Feb. 2	Encounter of our Lord Sunday School/ Orthros, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM
Saturday, Feb. 8	Vespers, 6:00 PM
Sunday, Feb. 9	Sunday School/ Orthros, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM

THANK YOU to those who weighed in on your preferences for the time of Lenten services. It has been decided to leave the time of services at 7:30 PM.

FATHER MARK will be in New England from February 3rd through the 14th. If you need a priest, please contact Fr Ephrem.

HOUSE BLESSINGS Father Mark is currently working through the list of those who have requested house blessings. Once Great Lent starts, weekday evenings will obviously be impossible. But we will continue until all requests to have the house or business blessed will be fulfilled.

THE BISHOP’S APPEAL The annual Bishop’s Appeal is an essential way in which our parish fulfills its duty to our larger Melkite family throughout the U.S. Our Father and Shepherd, Bishop Nicholas asks every Melkite household in the U.S. to give at least \$100-\$200 each year to support our Eparchy in America. By contributing to the Appeal, each of us responds to Christ’s call to support our Church and helps to fund its vital works, such as: publishing SOPHIA magazine; supporting our seminarians for the Priesthood and Diaconate; providing for our elderly priests; teaching the Faith to our children and young adults; establishing/supporting new missions and outreaches.

Those who give a gift of \$1000 or more will be automatically enrolled in the Order of Saint Nicholas, the charitable society of our Eparchy.

It is the holy obligation of every member of our parish to support our Church as you are able. Please send your gift today. May God bless your generosity.

EXTRA DONATION SLIPS for the Bishop's Appeal are available in the narthex. Pre-addressed envelopes are **not** available.

LADIES GUILD meeting today at 12:15 PM in the conference room. Ladies 18 and older are welcome to join!

THE 2019 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available. Please email the financial secretary at shondros@usptax.com. You will receive statement electronically as a pdf document."

THE COFFEE HOUR host for this Sunday is Joe & Sheryl Gangi



CALLING ALL HOLY T PARISHIONERS. . . won't you take a turn? Please consider hosting a Coffee Hour Agape following the Sunday Divine Liturgy. If everyone takes just one Sunday, you'll only need to host once a year or less. Host with your friends or family, it's easy! See Samar Annab in the church hall to sign up!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT . . . and FEAST DAYS . . . and VESPERS Please consider hosting an Agape Meal following Vespers on Saturday evenings or Divine Liturgy on Feast Days. Or sign up with another family or friends and work as a team. This is a wonderful opportunity to show hospitality and charity to your fellow parishioners. Please tell Deaconess Melissa which date you choose and sign up by adding your name(s) to the clipboard affixed to the freezer in the storage room just off the kitchen.

THE MELKITE MEN – We are the men of the Holy Transfiguration Church who gather for koinonia (κοινωνία), enjoying the company of other real men doing real men things - Orthodox praying, big bonfires, food, beverages & spiritual growth. Our koinonia is open to all men - Melkite or not, parishioners or not. Join us every first Saturday of the month. Our next meeting is Saturday February 1.

Meeting Schedule

- 6:00 PM Vespers
- 6:45 PM Agape Meal
- 7:30 PM Spiritual Talk with Father
- 7:45 PM Koinonia & Fire
- 9:00 PM Conclusion

Melkite Men Lenten Retreat – “Think Daily on Your Death.” This ancient Christian wisdom inspired countless generations of Christians to lead lives focused on becoming as much like God in this life as possible. Such an attitude has been lost in our modern culture, which habitually denies or ignores the reality of death. What did the early Christians know about death that we don't, and does it matter? How is it death is a tragedy but not an enemy? Come and find out!

Join us for a special three-part Lenten preparation retreat after Great Vespers on these Saturdays in February:

- 2/8 – “Rediscovering the Meaning of Life”
- 2/15 – “Living the Resurrection Life”

For more information, contact Subdeacon Anson or Men@MelkiteMen.org Don't sit on the couch Saturday evening; come be a Melkite Man! “God became man so that man might become god.” - St. Irenaeus

DEACON HELPERS for the month of February are as follows:

- 2/2 - Jack Nicola
- 2/9 - Kolbe Jolma
- 2/16 - John Khoury
- 2/23 - Simon Schauder