

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)

November 11, 2018

H & S Archimandrite John Azar
H & S Marjorie Williams - Barry & Stacy Williams
H & S Frank Moloney - Family
H & S James & Kimberly Metzger - Family
H & S James Beshera Coe- Family
H & S Lydia Hamilton - Family
H & S Marta Maria Severino - Family
H & S Michael Coe - Family
H & S Farid & Georgette Nicola - Johnny & Jumana Nicola
H & S John & Jeannette Sabanegh - Johnny & Jumana Nicola
H & S Titus Nuar - Jolma Family
H & S Matthew & Cornelia Rosov – Rebecca Olt
H & S Isabela Krogstad - Severino Family
H & S Elsie & Elizabeth Ashooh - Family
+Anne Gallagher - Family
+Antoinette Fakhouri - Family
+Caynaan Saah - Family
+Elias & Olga Shaloub - Family
+Laurice Jagganathan - Family
+Reema Samaha - Family
+Edmond Neam - Joseph & Sheryl Gangi
+ Nicholas Alexandrow – Michael Hajjar
+Salameh Saah - Ronald & Neva Farrah

Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, Nov. 11	Sunday School/Baptism, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM
Friday, Nov. 16	Paraklesis, 7:30 PM
Saturday, Nov. 17	Vespers, 6:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 18	BISHOP'S VISIT Sunday School/Orthros, 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. Please see the Schedule at a Glance section in this bulletin for the schedule of services.

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL: The annual Bishop's Appeal is an important way by which our parish fulfills its duty to our Melkite family throughout the U.S. and to our needy brothers and sisters. Our Father

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT HT! Are you alone for Thanksgiving? Come celebrate a potluck Thanksgiving at Holy T. at 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 22nd. Let us know you're coming, and we'll let you know what side-dishes are still needed. Contact Tyra to RSVP: tajm2211@gmail.com

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, we can respond to the Lord's call in today's Gospel to be a good Samaritan to our Melkite neighbors around the country. It is a holy obligation for every member of our parish respond to his call. If you have not done so already, please send your gift today. Extra appeal envelopes are available in the narthex.

SAVE THE DATE: The Ladies Guild will host A Lenten Cookie Exchange & Book Discussion on Sat., Dec. 8th, 9:30-11:30 AM. (Our book selection, [The Way of a Pilgrim](#), is available in the Icon & Book Store or at amazon.com.) Please bring 2 dozen "Lenten" cookies to exchange. *RSVP by 11/30 to htlguild@gmail.com.*

THE ARABIC SWEETS SALES DEADLINE has now passed, but you can look forward to post deliver-day sales in early December. For more information, you may contact Lani Kanakry at 703-200-6416 or kanakry@cox.net.

ARABIC SWEETS BAKING DAYS. Please join us to make the delicious sweets for our Christmas Sweets Sales. We start working at 9:30 AM on most scheduled days. No special skills are needed, and lunch is provided. Below is our schedule until mid-November. For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Lani Kanakry at 703-200-6415 or kanakry@cox.net. You can also sign up to help at www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4da5a62c7-arabic

- Thurs., 11/15 & Fri., 11/16 (Pistachio Birds' Nests)
- Sat., 11/17 (Baklawa, Misc. Varieties)

THE MELKITE MEN - Join us every first and third Saturday of the month at 6:00 PM for vespers, a bonfire, and beverages. Our next date is November 17. For more information, contact Chris Jolma at chris@mytruckbuddy.com

THE ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN CATECHETICAL SCHOOL presents: *Lift Up Your Eyes to the Heavens: Seeking the Face of the Lord* We are often hindered in our pursuit to behold the face of the Lord and find intimacy with the Author of our life, even though the glory of God has been revealed to us in Jesus Christ. This is because neither the heights of the mountain nor the sanctuary of the heart can be taken by force.

Please join us as we embark on a year-Long pilgrimage, using the guideposts of Holy Scripture, the tradition of the Fathers, and the divine prayers of the Church. In our journey we will travel the path of prayer and humility to approach the mysteries of our human experience and the life of faith. The first session will be:

- The Dawn from On High Will Break Upon Us - The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, Part 1

THE ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN CATECHETICAL SCHOOL presents: *The Ten Commandments: An Adult Sunday School Bible Study*

The schedule of upcoming sessions is below:

- 11/11 5th Commandment – You shall not kill

HTC HOMESCHOOL EVENT Please join us on Saturday, November 17th at 3:00 pm. We will learn about the Bishop's role in the Melkite Church, make a keepsake, and have a lot of fun! Family and friends are all invited, if you plan to attend please RSVP to homeschool@holytransfiguration.org. **RSVP is very important for this special event**

THE DEACON HELPER SCHEDULE through the end of November is as follows:

- 11/11 – Jack Nicola
- 11/18 – Kolbe Jolma
- 11/25 – Dmitri Baron