

**Holy Transfiguration  
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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 25, 2018**

- H & S Archimandrite Joseph Francavilla - Sunday School
- H & S Newly Illumined Handmaiden of God, Ellie Hope Fadel
- H & S Andrew Hayes, who offers the Holy Wine for the H & S of Katherine Hayes
- H & S Mary Solis - Presbyter Ephrem Handal & Family
- H & S Vance Solis - Presbyter Ephrem Handal & Family
- H & S Rachel Olt – Family
- H & S Philip Benedicto – Family
- H & S Elsie & Elizabeth Ashooh - Family
- + Archimandrite Charles Aboody - Sunday School
- + Archimandrite Constantine Belisarius MEMORIAL - Friends
- + Presbyter Philip Khairallah
- + Anne Gallagher - Family
- + Antoinette Fakhouri - Family
- + Caynaan Saah - Family
- + Laurice Jagganathan- Family
- + Reema Samaha - Family
- + Salameh Saah- Golub Family
- + Denise Bonomi- Kanakry Family
- + Nicholas Alexandrow - Michael Hajjar
- + Mary McNeilly - Family
- + Elena Hajjar - Ronald & Neva Farrah
- + Harold & Joan Glass - Ronald & Neva Farrah

**Schedule at a Glance**

Sunday, Nov. 25	Sunday School/Baptism, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM
Wednesday, Nov. 28	Paraklesis, 7:30 PM
Friday, Nov. 30	Paraklesis, 7:30 PM
Saturday, Dec. 1	Vespers, 6:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 2	Sunday School/Orthros, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM

**THE BISHOP’S APPEAL** As we offer thanksgiving for all God’s blessings, Our Lord warns us in today’s Gospel how earthly riches can be an obstacle to our faith, and He calls us to seek our treasure in Heaven by giving of our earthly goods. If our Lord has blessed us with riches, He does so, not only for ourselves and our families, but for the good of His Church. Store up treasure in Heaven by giving a generous gift to the Bishop’s Appeal. If you have not already sent your gift, please do so today so that 100% of our parish will be counted. Thank you for your generosity. Extra appeal envelopes are available in the narthex.

*An Invitation to our Ladies from the Ladies Guild Spiritual Committee* - We hope you will be able to join us for the following event and, if so, please plan to bring a dish to share for the Ladies Guild meeting that will follow this event.

*During this very busy time of year, we invite you to take a little time out by joining in our Lenten Cookie Exchange and Book Discussion on Saturday, December 8th, 9:30-*

**ST. NICHOLAS PARTY** Next week Sunday School will have its annual Sunday School party. All children are invited. You need not be in Sunday School to participate. St. Nicholas will visit the party and he will have a special treat for the children. And if you want to take a picture with St. Nicholas, this will be your opportunity.

11:30 AM in the church hall. Tea, coffee, and light refreshments will be served. Let us know if you'll be there - **Please RSVP by Friday, December 7th** to [htlguild@gmail.com](mailto:htlguild@gmail.com)

#### Cookie Exchange Details

- Bring 2 dozen Lenten cookies to share (no eggs, dairy, animal products)
- Please note any potential allergens (e.g., peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, coconut, etc..) in your cookies

#### Book Details

- The Way of a Pilgrim
- Copies are available in the Icon and Book Store or on Amazon: [https://smile.amazon.com/Way-Pilgrim-Continues-Shambhala-Classics/dp/1570628076/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1539290289&sr=8-3&keywords=the+way+of+a+pilgrim](https://smile.amazon.com/Way-Pilgrim-Continues-Shambhala-Classics/dp/1570628076/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1539290289&sr=8-3&keywords=the+way+of+a+pilgrim)

**DECEMBER LADIES GUILD MEETING: Sat., Dec. 8th 12:30 pm.** We warmly invited all women of the church to join us! For more information, contact us at [htlguild@gmail.com](mailto:htlguild@gmail.com).

**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 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.

**SWEETS DELIVERY DAY--PLEASE PICK UP YOUR SWEETS on Sat., Dec. 1 (3:30 PM - 5 PM) or Sun., Dec. 2 (12 - 1 PM).** Don't forget to bring cash or your check book if you have not yet paid for your order!!! Also, unfortunately, we cannot store any orders past Delivery Day. So, if you are unable to pick up your order, please arrange to have a friend or relative do so for you. (*Note: The time for ordering sweets has passed, of course, but you can still purchase boxes of sweets at our post delivery-day sales.* For more information, contact Lani Kanakry at 703-200-6416 or [kanakry@cox.net](mailto:kanakry@cox.net).)

**HELP NEEDED for Sweets Packing Days.** We are finished making all the delicious sweets used to fill your orders. However, we need many volunteers this week (Packing Week), when we finish baking and placing the 23,000 sweets into boxes in time for **Delivery Days, Dec. 1 & 2.** **All parishioners are invited to join: men, women, and teens.** *Please check out the duties and responsibilities listed below, so you know what is scheduled.*

- **Sun. Nov. 26 (after Liturgy):** Set-up church hall, remove Sweets from freezers, re-tape boxes (**guys urgently needed**)
- **Tues. Nov. 27 & Wed., Nov. 28 (9am-3:30pm):** Bake frozen baklava and pack certain Sweets boxes
- **Fri. Nov. 30 (9am-6pm):** Pack more Sweets boxes, put remaining Sweets in bake cups, & prepare for Sat. assembly line
- **Sat. Dec. 1: Assembly Line-(8:30am-12:30pm) & Filling orders-(12:30pm-4:30pm)** (*Sign up for AM, PM, or All-Day*)
- **Sun. Dec. 2:** Distribute all orders to arriving customers and sell Post Sales Sweets.

For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Lani Kanakry at 703-200-6416 or [kanakry@cox.net](mailto:kanakry@cox.net). You can also sign up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4da5a62c7-arabic](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4da5a62c7-arabic)

**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 December 1. For more information, contact Chris Jolma at [chris@mytruckbuddy.com](mailto:chris@mytruckbuddy.com)

**THE ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN CATECHETICAL SCHOOL** presents: *Lift Up Your Eyes to the Heavens: Seeking the Face of the Lord.* The next session will be:

- Dec. 9 – You Mothers Lay Aside All Grief: The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, Part 2



**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is supporting the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation during our Nativity Fast. We are collecting **new, unwrapped toys for ages newborn to 16 now through Sunday, December 9th!** Our collection box is in the church hall *Please, no toy guns, knives or weapons* ☆ ☆ ☆ Help us bring a little joy and make a difference for local children in need this season!