

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)

December 2, 2018

H & S Randy & Jennifer Horte - Craig & Jane Horte
H & S Adele Metta- Joseph & Sheryl Gangi
H & S Megan McEvoy Reis - Kirsten Wehle
H & S Adele Metta- Sunday School
H & S Elsie & Elizabeth Ashooh – Family
H & S Philip Benedicto – Family
+ Bishop Robert Morlino
+ Archimandrite Charles Aboody – Sunday School
+ Reader Romanos Odermatt – Deacon Joseph Olt & Family
+ Die Fallah Tadros – Bsseirani Family
+ Jean Bseirani – Bsseirani Family
+ Joseph Bseirani – Bsseirani Family
+ Josephine Bseirani – Bsseirani Family
+ Anne Gallagher – Family
+ Antoinette Fakhouri – Family
+ Caynaan Saah – Family
+ Daniel Adjodha – Family
+ George Tabash - Family
+ Laurice Jagganathan- Family
+ Reema Samaha – Family
+ Salim Kanakry – Lanette Kanakry & Family
+ Elena Hajjar - Michael Hajjar
+ Myron Suseck – Georgianna Kostak

Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, Dec. 2	Sunday School/Orthros, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, Dec. 4	St. Barbara Divine Liturgy, 7:30 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 5	Paraklesis, 7:30 PM
Thursday, Dec. 6	St. Nicholas Divine Liturgy, 7:30 PM
Friday, Dec. 7	Paraklesis, 7:30 PM
Saturday, Dec. 8	Ladies Guild Lenten Cookie Exchange & Book Discussion, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Vespers, 6:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 9	Sunday School/Orthros, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM

THERE WILL BE an anointing following Divine Liturgy next Sunday, December 9.



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!

THE ST. NICHOLAS PARTY will take place today following Divine Liturgy. 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.

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL Our beloved Saint Nicholas whose feast we celebrate this week with joy is the Patron Saint of charity and the inspiration for all images of Father Christmas and Santa Claus

throughout the world. St. Nicholas is also the Patron of our Eparchy and of our Bishop! Let us imitate his loving generosity by making a special gift to the Bishop's Appeal for the support of our Melkite Church in America. Please consider giving an end-of-year, tax-deductible gift to the Melkite Church to help produce SOPHIA magazine; assist in religious education, faith formation, and spiritual renewal; support the training of new priests and deacons; give support to our elderly priests. May God bless you for your generosity.

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, 9:30-11:30 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*

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

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.

TODAY IS SWEETS DELIVERY DAY!!! Please pick up your sweets today between noon & 1:00 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. *Although the time for ordering sweets has passed, you can still purchase boxes of sweets at the same time today. For more information, contact Lani Kanakry at 703-200-6416 or kanakry@cox.net.*

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 16. 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.* The next session will be:

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

HTC HOMESCHOOL FOR THE FEAST OF ST. BARBARA All are welcome to come dressed as royalty (formal dress to Sunday's best) to celebrate Eid il-Burbara. The story of St. Barbara's will be told around a bonfire with s'mores and hot apple cider. Syuniye (traditional wheat) and an agape meal following Divine Liturgy.

FLOWERS for the Paraklesis services are offered by Father Ephrem & Khourieh Judy Handal.

FLOWERS for the Feast of St. Barbara are offered by Ray & Irene Husson, Andrew & Katherine Hayes, and Carole Miller for the H&S of Deaconess Barbara Fleshman.

FLOWERS for the Feast of St. Nicholas are offered by Ray and Irene Husson in memory of the +Rt. Rev. Charles Aboody, and by Carole Miller in memory of the +Rt. Rev. Charles Aboody.