

**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 9, 2018

H & S Sunday School, who offers the Holy Qurban for the H & S Archimandrite Joseph Francavilla - Sunday School
H & S Presbyter Ephrem Handal – Sunday School
H & S Deacon Joseph & Melissa Olt
ANNIVERSARY - 27 years
H & S Lynn Jabara - Battey Family
H & S Elsie & Elizabeth Ashooh - Family
H & S Philip Benedicto - Family
H & S Adele Metta - Joseph & Sheryl Gangi
H & S Julia Bichera - Michael Hajjar
+ Archpriest Armand Jacobin
+ Salameh Saah **MEMORIAL 40-Day** - Family
+ Joseph & Mary Francavilla -Archimandrite Joseph Francavilla
+ Mariellen Mathie Leonard - Battey Family
+ Marion Graham - Battey Family
+ Anne Gallagher - Family
+ Antoinette Fakhouri- Family
+ Caynaan Saah- Family
+ George Tabash - Family
+ Laurice Jagganathan - Family
+ Lily Abs - Family
+ Reema Samaha - Family

Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, Dec. 9	Sunday School/Orthros, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM
Wednesday, Dec. 12	Paraklesis, 7:30 PM
Friday, Dec. 14	Paraklesis, 7:30 PM
Saturday, Dec. 15	Vespers, 6:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 16	Sunday School/Orthros, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM
Wednesday, Dec. 19	Paraklesis, 7:30 PM
Friday, Dec. 21	Paraklesis, 7:30 PM
Saturday, Dec. 22	Vespers, 6:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 23	Sunday School/Orthros, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM
Monday, Dec. 24	Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM Orthros, 10:00 PM Divine Liturgy, 11:00 PM followed by Christmas Agape

CONGRATULATIONS to Father Joseph on the occasion of his 47th anniversary as pastor of Holy Transfiguration.

THERE WILL BE an anointing service following Divine Liturgy **TODAY!**

There will be no Divine Liturgy during the daylight hours of Christmas.



TODAY is the last day to help Sunday School support the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation,

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL As we travel with the Virgin to Bethlehem where she will give birth to the greatest gift in human history—God's Only-Begotten Son—let us remember our Melkite Church by which Christ comes to us. Please consider giving an end-of-year, tax-deductible gift to the Melkite Church in America to support its vital mission. Help produce SOPHIA magazine, assist in the spiritual renewal of our parishes, support the vocation, recruitment, and the training of seminarians, assist our missions, and give support to our elderly priests. Please give generously; YOUR Melkite Church needs YOU!

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.

ARABIC SWEETS FOR SALE!! "Delivery Day" for those who ordered Arabic Sweets was 12/2. But we still have a number of delicious Arabic Sweets for sale at our Post-Delivery-Day Sales table. (These make wonderful Christmas gifts!) Please stop by the Church Hall after Divine Liturgy on Sunday to see the many different varieties available and to make your purchase. 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 – Today, let Eve Rejoice: A Study of the Infancy Narratives
- Dec. 16 – He Will Make Clay and Transform It: The Mystery of the Incarnation

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

FLOWERS for the Feast of St. Barbara were 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 were 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.

DEACON HELPERS Here is the schedule of deacon helpers for the remainder of the year:

- December 9- Kolbe Nuar
- December 16- Anthony Sauer
- December 23- Julian Poynton
- December 30- John Khoury