

**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 23, 2018

H & S Tabash Family, who offer the Holy Qurban in memory of George Tabash, Georgette Khoury, & Rita Khoury

H & S Tyra Nuar- Dorham Family

H & S Elsie & Elizabeth Ashooh - Family

H & S Philip Benedicto - Family

H & S Adele Metta - Joseph & Sheryl Gangi

+ Protodeacon Paul Weyrich **MEMORIAL 10 Years** - Family

+ George Tabash - Tabash Family

+ Georgette Khoury - Tabash Family

+ Rita Khoury - Tabash Family

+ Theodore Christensen - Dorham Family

+ Francis Moloney - Family

+ Anne Gallagher -Family

+ Antoinette Fakhouri- Family

+ Caynaan Saah- Family

+ Daniel Adjodha - Family

+ Laurice Jagganathan - Family

+ Reema Samaha - Family

+ Ghassan Massouh - George Samman & Family

+ Husn Samman - George Samman & Family

+ Liliane Samman - George Samman & Family

+ Thomas Grachino - Lanette Kanakry & Family

+ George & Elena Hajjar- Michael Hajjar

+ Julia Bichera - Michael Hajjar

+ Maria Baker - Michael Hajjar

Schedule at a Glance

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

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

Saturday, Dec. 29 Vespers, 6:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 30 Sunday School/Orthros, 9:15 AM
Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM

THE 2019 CALENDARS ARE HERE!!! To received yours, please stop by the table in the hall during coffee hour today or next Sunday to verify your contact information. Father Joseph requests that you take one calendar only for now. If you need an additional calendar after the New Year, you may request one from Deaconess Melissa.

SUNDAY SCHOOL would like to wish everyone a blessed Christmas. There are NO Sunday School classes on December 30th. Classes will resume on January 6th.

COFFEE HOUR today is sponsored by the Tabash family in memory of George Tabash, Georgette Khoury, and Rita Khoury. May their memory be eternal!

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL: Give thanks to God for the Divine Gift of His Son and for all the blessings you received in 2018 by giving a generous gift to our Melkite Eparchy. The annual Bishop's Appeal ends in all our parishes on 31 December 2018.

REMEMBER THE MELKITE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL: Give a lasting gift for future generations of Melkites in America. Simply add the following statement to your last will and testament: I hereby bequeath to the Melkite Eparchy of Newton the following sum: \$_____. Contact Bishop Nicholas personally to inform him of your generous bequest: 3 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132.

CHRISTMAS EVE AGAPE MEAL: Rejoice and Be Glad! Please join us in the Church Hall after the 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy for an agape meal to celebrate the birth of Our Lord. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for set-up, serving & clean-up. To offer your help, to let us know what you will bring, and/or for general information, contact Courtney Byrum at quixote2030@gmail.com

The meal will be a potluck affair. We ask that each person or family bring food for sharing in a disposable container and deliver it to the kitchen before Divine Liturgy. Please help us by making sure that your food item is in a disposable dish, ready to serve (i.e., already cooked and/or pre-sliced). If that is not possible, then please tape detailed cooking/warming instructions to the item.

THE ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN CATECHETICAL SCHOOL continues our ongoing series: Lift Up Your Eyes to the Heavens: Seeking the Face of the Lord. Our next session will be a study of the Great Feast of Theophany. Jan. 6 – The Glory of the Lord Shall be Revealed: Theophany and the Sacrament of Creation.

St. Gregory the Theologian Catechetical School presents: Introduction to the Synoptic Gospels. Would you like to learn more about the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke)? Would you like to discuss concrete applications for daily life? Please come and join us for a 5-Part Bible Study beginning January 13th. We will discuss an Orthodox Christian approach to Scripture Study, the

general flow of the Synoptic Gospels, practical applications to daily life, and much more. Classes will be held on the back patio (weather permitting), or in the Church hall. Please bring a Bible and a snack to share.

- Jan 13 An Introduction to the Synoptics Gospels – Session #1 An orthodox approach to understanding Scripture: The Synoptic story
- Jan 20 An Introduction to the Synoptics Gospels – Session #2 An Overview of the Gospel St. Matthew
- Jan 27 – An Introduction to the Synoptics Gospels – Session #3 An Overview of the Gospel of St. Luke
- Feb 3 – An Introduction to the Synoptics Gospels – Session #4 An Overview of the Gospel of St. Mark
- Feb 10 – An Introduction to the Synoptics Gospels – Session #5 The “Synoptic Problem” and Why it Matters – Matthew and Mark revisited

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

- December 23- Julian Poynton
- December 30- John Khoury