

**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)

**December 30, 2018**

- H & S Presbyter Albert Cylwicki - Craig & Jane Horte
- H & S Andrew & Katherine Hayes, who offer the Holy Wine for the H & S of their children, Eugenia, Brian David, & Stephen
- H & S Philip & Anne Benedicto –  
**ANNIVERSARY 36 Years**
- H & S Randy Horte - Craig & Jane Horte
- H & S Rebecca Olt - Family
- H & S Elsie & Elizabeth Ashooh
- H & S Michael Hadeed
- + Gregory Dzedziak - Craig & Jane Horte
- + Jennifer Horte- Craig & Jane Horte
- + Anne Gallagher - Family
- + Antoinette Fakhouri- Family
- + Caynaan Saah- Family
- + George Sawaya 41 years- Family
- + George Tabash – Family
- + Laurice Jagganathan - Family
- + Luc Adjodha - Family
- + Reema Samaha - Family

**Schedule at a Glance**

Sunday, Dec. 30	Orthros, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM
Saturday, Jan. 5	Vespers, 6:00 PM
Sunday, Jan. 6	Orthros, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM followed by the Great Blessing of the waters

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR MONTHLY SPONSORS** for 2019 bulletins. Sponsorship is \$50 per month. If interested, please see Deaconess Melissa in the church hall during coffee hour.

**IN YOUR CHARITY,** please consider share your New Year's table with a fellow parishioner who may be alone for the holiday. As Father Joseph reminds us, you may be entertaining angels unaware!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** would like to wish you a safe and Happy New Year! Please remember that there will be NO Sunday School classes on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**THE BISHOP'S APPEAL:** It's not too late to give an end-of-year tax-deductible gift to thank God for all the blessings you and your family have received in 2018. Today, the annual Bishop's Appeal officially ends in all our parishes. However, gifts to the Bishop's Appeal will continue to be received and credited to our parish until 31 January 2019 for all

**THE 2019 CALENDARS ARE HERE!!!** To received yours, please stop by the table in the hall during coffee hour **TODAY** 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.

who make end-of-year donations. Your gift means so much to so many! Our Father and Shepherd, Bishop Nicholas, thanks you for your generous support and asks God's abundant blessings upon you and all your family as we prepare for the Holy Theophany in this New Year of grace!

**PLEASE JOIN US** on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, for an evening of family fun hosted by the HTC Homeschool Group. We will begin our educational portion promptly at 4:30 PM. All the children will be supplied with a special container to be filled the following morning during The Great Blessing of the Waters. Vespers for Theophany starts at 6:00 PM. The Agape meal will be a potluck; bring along your family's favorite holiday food to share! Entrees, appetizers, snacks, cookies, and deserts are all welcome. Disposable containers are preferred. After our meal, we will all play games together. If your family has a favorite, bring it along. This is a family event, so please invite any relatives that are visiting and your friends. All are welcome!

**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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 30- John Khoury