

# Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church

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**Church Services:** Saturday-6:00PM Vespers (Confessions available) Sunday-9:15 AM Orthros (Confessions available)  
10:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Coffee Hour following)

1/08/2012

H & S Newly Illumined Servants of God,  
John Wesley Fleshman  
John Wesley Fleshman, IV  
H & S Claire Hooper – Philip & Jeanne Rosenbaum  
H & S Mary Ruffo – Philip & Jeanne Rosenbaum  
H & S Cecilia Klimon – Georgianna Kostak  
H & S Margot Klimon – Reader Romanos & Georgianna Kostak  
H & S Mary Farrah – Family  
H & S Ann Wilderson – Farrah Family  
H & S Rebecca Olt – Sunday School  
+ Archimandrite Paul Antaki – Adel Saba & Family  
+ Protodeacon Paul Weyrich - Family  
+ Habib Andoni Elkhouri – Family MEMORIAL  
+ Olga Elkhouri – Family  
+ Jacob & Saad Elqura - Family  
+ Hani Tahhan – Barbara & Scott Johnson  
+ Lily Abs – Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snowden  
+ John Lysaght – Family  
+ Jack Lysaght – Family  
+ Jubrail Naber  
+ Wajih & Violette Massouh – Family  
+ Nicola & Antoinette Samman – Family  
+ Reema Samaha – Family  
+ Francis Samaha - Family  
+ Laurice Jagganathan – Family

Wedding Sat., January 14, 2012 3:30 pm  
Stephen Eble and Kyrie Henderson

### Schedule at a Glance

1/8      Sunday School resumes at 9:15 am.  
Fleshman Baptism 9:15 am  
Divine Liturgy 10:30 am

1/14      Sat., Wedding 3:30 pm

1/15      Baptism Maya Grosh Slovinah 9:15 am  
Ladies' Guild meets after Liturgy  
Institute of Catholic Culture presents  
Feasting with Scripture at 6 pm with  
Chef Nikki Haddad & Deacon Sabatino

2/1      Wed. Vespers for Feast of Encounter with  
Simeon

2/2      Thurs. Divine Liturgy for Feast 7:30 pm

**Flower donors** Feast of Theophany and Fr. Joseph's birthday: Ray & Irene Husson and George Noory.

*Please contact Linda Black (703-768-6864) if you would like to donate flowers.*

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** *Please contact Melanie Baker if you can help.....* [baker.melanie.a@gmail.com](mailto:baker.melanie.a@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** wants to thank everyone that

contributed to our charity project. Your generosity is overwhelming, as usual.

If you wondered how much longer we will be collecting grocery and gas, cards you have until Sunday, January 8. After Sunday, we will give Lily and her family our gift. Again, we thank you for your support.

**LADIES GUILD NEWS:**

Next meeting: Sunday, January 15th at 12:15 pm

Also on 1/15/12 at 6 pm is an event sponsored by the **Institute of Catholic Culture**. Sample foods and learn all about the **Sacred Foods of the Bible** with Nikki Haddad and Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo

Next Book Club meeting: Sat., Feb. 25th at 5 PM (See your email for information about the book selection.)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** members of our community who are ill, shut in, or otherwise in need of prayer or are hospitalized. E-mail [office@holymtransfiguration.org](mailto:office@holymtransfiguration.org) or call 703-734-9566 and leave a message.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Roger Ashooh, Sarah & Ted Baroody, Luz Maria Diago, Anne Gallagher, Joan & Harry Glass, Madeline Hynes, Charles Marquardt, Robert Moore.

**FRIDAY      January 6, 2012      FEAST OF THEOPHANY**  
**Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of Water    7:30 PM**  
**SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
**Epistle    Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7**  
**Gospel    Mt 3:13-17**

**SUNDAY      January 8, 2012      SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY**  
**Sunday School resumes    9:15 AM**  
**Divine Liturgy                    10:30 AM**  
**SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
**Epistle    Eph 4:7-13**  
**Gospel    Mt 4:12-17**

Theophany is the Feast which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord (Mt.3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22). God the Father spoke from Heaven about the Son, the Son was baptized by the St John the Forerunner, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a dove. From ancient times this Feast was called the Day of Illumination and the Feast of Lights, since God is Light and has appeared to illumine "those who sat in darkness," and "in the region of the shadow of death" (Mt.4:16), and to save the fallen race of mankind by grace.

On the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, the Holy Church proclaims our faith in the most sublime mystery, incomprehensible to human intellect, of one God in three Persons. It teaches us to confess and glorify the Holy Trinity, one in Essence and Indivisible. It exposes and overthrows the errors of ancient teachings which attempted to explain the Creator of the world by reason, and in human terms.

The Church shows the necessity of Baptism for believers in Christ, and it inspires us with a sense of deep gratitude for the illumination and purification of our sinful nature. The Church teaches that our salvation and cleansing from sin is possible only by the power of the grace of the Holy Spirit, therefore it is necessary to preserve worthily these gifts of the grace of holy Baptism, keeping clean this priceless garb, for "As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ" (Gal 3:27).

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Jan. 8 Sunday	B		
Jan. 15 Sunday	C		
Jan. 22 Sunday	D		
Jan. 29 Sunday	A		
Feb. 1 Wednesday	B		Vespers for Feast of the Encounter of the Lord with Simeon 7:30 pm
Feb. 2 Thursday	D		Divine Liturgy for Feast 7:30 pm

**This bulletin is sponsored in honor of Fr. Joseph's birthday – Husson Family**