

# 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)

1/29/2012

H & S Samar Annab who offers the Holy Qurban  
For the H & S of George, Ibrahim, Nathan &  
David

H & S Haley Elizabeth Higdon – Family

H & S Pierre Ghattas

H & S Joseph, Elizabeth, Zoey Powell – Sunday  
School

H & S Claire Hooper – Philip & Jeanne Rosenbaum

H & S Mary Ruffo – Philip & Jeanne Rosenbaum

H & S Joan & Harry Glass - Friends

H & S Barista Lebbos – Fakhouri Family

H & S Georgette Kaady – Fakhouri Family

H & S Elie Khawand – Fakhouri Family

H & S Adele Kwawand – Fakhouri Family

+ Archbishop Paul Antaki – Adel Saba & Family

+ Wadea'ah Korban - Family

+ Soeur Etienne Msays – Family

+ Peter Meyers - Friends

+ William & Nabeeha Baroody

+ Reema Samaha – Family

+ Francis Samaha - Family

+ Laurice Jagganathan – Family

2/2/2012 Thursday Feast of the Encounter of the Lord  
with Simeon Liturgy 7:30 pm

H & S Mary Frissora – Anne Gallagher

H & S Georgianna Kostak – Anne Gallagher

H & S Joan & Harry Glass - Friends

+ Priest Carl Will - Friends

+ Mary K. Frissorra – Mary Frissora

+ Reema Samaha – Family

+ Francis Samaha - Family

+ Laurice Jagganathan – Family

## Schedule at a Glance

- 2/1      **Wed. Vespers for Feast of Encounter with  
Simeon**
- 2/2      **Thurs. Divine Liturgy for Feast 7:30 pm**
- 2/11     **Saturday of the Dead Liturgy 10:30 am**
- 2/12     **Sunday School “Afternoon at the Movies”  
follows Liturgy**
- 2/19     **Cheesefare Sunday  
Forgiveness Vespers 6 pm**
- 2/25     **Book Club 5 – 6 pm (see info below)**

**Flower Donations** for the Feast of the Encounter of the Lord with Simeon 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)*

**LADIES GUILD NEWS:** Next Book Club meeting: Sat., Feb. 25th at 5 PM (Book selection: *Lileth* by George MacDonald; Facilitator: Linda Black) Contact Heidi at [edandheidikaska@yahoo.com](mailto:edandheidikaska@yahoo.com) for more information.

**To All Parishioners....Your Help is Needed!** We are in the process of updating our parish database and need to confirm everyone's contact information (name, address, phone, and email address) to make sure we've got it right! Please stop by our table in the church hall after Divine Liturgy on Sunday to confirm your contact details and, afterwards, pick up a 2012 calendar.

**TAX INFO:** If you need to receive your 2011 Holy Transfiguration Contribution Statement, please contact Sam Hondros at [shondros@usptax.com](mailto:shondros@usptax.com).



The Lord did not say, “Two men went to the temple”, but “*went up*” into the temple.

Even now there are some who come to the holy church *without going up*. Instead they bring down the church, the image of heaven. They come for the sake of meeting each other and talking, or to buy and sell goods, and they resemble each other, for the latter offer goods, the former words, and all receive a fair exchange.

As in those days the Lord drove them completely out of the temple saying, “My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves” (Matthew 21:13), so He also drove them away from their conversations as they did not really go up into the Temple at all, even if they came there every day.

(St Gregory Palamas, Homily TWO, On the Lord’s Parable of the Publican and the Pharisee)

St Gregory packs an incredible amount of theology and insightful moral teaching into his homilies. Here he begins to show the difference in the demeanor of the publican and Pharisee, and, as is critical to any good homily, applies it to us, in the here and now. Of course, this parable is not about two real people, but about all of us, and St Gregory makes this very apparent.

We should continually evaluate *why* we do things. The Pharisee did not do this, because he was blinded by pride. Perhaps we are blinded by this same passion, or it may be indifference, worldliness, inattention, intemperance in the way we live, infrequent prayer, self-indulgence and many other things. All these things will cause us to merely “go” to the temple, without our hearts elevated, expectant, repentant, and attentive. We will then receive that which we have come for, which is nothing of value. On the other hand, if we “*go up*” to the temple, with a desire to be taught, and filled, and healed, we will surely receive what we have sought.

Can a person “go up” to the temple if they are habitually late to the service? Can a person “go up” to the temple if they pray inattentively? Can a person “go up” to the temple if they only want to come on Sunday, with no expectation or even desire to receive the holy mysteries? Can a person “go up” to the temple if they are lazy, and rarely pray, and even more rarely read the scriptures? Can a person “go up” to the temple if they are not trying to change their life, and follow the commandments? I cannot answer these questions for any person, but they must be answered. (St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, McKinney, TX)

**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.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
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
Feb. 5 Sunday	B		
Feb.11 Saturday	A		Saturday of the Dead Liturgy 10:30 am
Feb. 12 Sunday	B		Sunday of Meatfare

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