

# 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)

9/11/2011

H & S Georgette Kaady – Fakhouri Family  
H & S Elie Khawand – Fakhouri Family  
H & S John & Anne Gallagher, 52 yrs.  
H & S Richard & Marian Odermatt, 63 yrs.  
H & S Robert & Margaret Karczewski, 48 yrs.  
H & S Carole Miller  
H & S Hani Tahhan  
H & S Nabil Khouri  
+ Reposed of 9/11 Attacks – MEMORIAL  
+ Vasily Kostis, 40 Days – Hondros Family  
MEMORIAL  
+ Protodeacon Paul Weyrich – Family  
+ Juliette Benedicto – Deacon David & Linda Black  
+ Catherine Joseph – George Noory & Family  
+ Patricia Graham  
+ Georges Samaha – Mona & Joseph Samaha  
+ Reema Samaha – Family  
+ Francis Samaha - Family  
+ Laurice Jagganathan – Family

9/14/2011 Wed., Feast Exaltation of the Holy Cross

H & S Toni & Antoinette Fakhouri, 20 yrs.  
H & S Michael Baroody – Family  
H & S Helene Sawaya – Family  
H & S Samuel Sawaya – Family  
H & S Virginia Zaidain  
+ Peter & Helen Dowhy – Mary Frissora  
+ Lily, Elias, Faris & Alice Abs – Family  
+ George Abs – Family  
+ Frances Rose Abs – Family  
+ George Sawaya – Family  
+ Leon & Helen Zaidain – Family  
+ Georges Samaha – Mona & Joseph Samaha  
+ Reema Samaha – Family  
+ Francis Samaha - Family  
+ Laurice Jagganathan – Family

## Schedule at a Glance

<b>Sun. 9/11</b>	<b>Orthros 9:15</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>
<b>Tues. 9/13</b>	<b>Orthros Feast of the Holy Cross 7:30 pm</b>
<b>Wed. 9/14</b>	<b>Liturgy Feast of the Holy Cross 7:30 pm</b>
<b>Sun. 9/18</b>	<b>Sunday School Begins at 9:15 am</b> <b>Orthros 9:15 am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy 10:30 am</b>

**Sunday School** begins on September 18. Information and registration forms have been sent out via email. If you did not receive the email or if you would prefer hard copies, please see Georgianna Kostak 410-788-3663 [kresnal@aol.com](mailto:kresnal@aol.com)

**Flower Sponsors:** *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)

**"The Ladies Guild MEMBERSHIP DRIVE starts this Sunday and ends with the Kickoff Luncheon in the parish hall on Sept. 18 after Divine Liturgy! Melanie Baker will be encouraging all the women of the parish to join us. Please come by the registration desk after Divine Liturgy to update your information and receive all the new information we have on hand. Or talk to one of the Guild members about becoming part of this wonderful way to build community in our parish."**

**An invitation to all Festival workers, their spouses and children:**

**Saturday, September 17, after Vespers we will have our Festival Celebration Dinner. Plan to be at the Church at 6 pm for Vespers. Dinner will follow.**

**RSVP** – It is very important that we have the correct number of those who are coming so that we prepare enough food. Sign up at table in Church Hall.

**Each year we begin our Church Year on September first. This is a good time to think about how we live our lives in the Church. Here is a suggestion for a “morning prayer” offering our lives to God. “O Lord, grant unto me that with thy peace I may greet all that this day is to bring. Grant unto me grace to surrender myself completely to Thy holy will. In every hour of this day instruct and guide me in all things. Whatever tidings I may receive during this day do Thou teach me to accept tranquilly in the firm belief that Thy holy will governs all. Govern Thou my thoughts and feelings in all that I do or say. When unforeseen things occur, let me not forget that all is sent by Thee. Teach me to behave sincerely and reasonably toward everyone that I may bring confusion and sorrow to no one. Bestow on me, O Lord, strength to endure the fatigue of the day and to bear my part in its events. Guide Thou my will and teach me to pray, to believe, to hope, to suffer, to forgive and to love. Amen.**

Prayer of the Optina Elders

This also would be a good time to **renew our pledge made way back when we decided to build our church building** and we decided to pray each day an “Our Father” and the prayer from Prime for our parish. **“O Christ, true Light who enlighten and sanctify every man in the world, mark us with the light of your countenance that we may see the unapproachable radiance. Let our lives be straight along the way of your commandments, through the prayers of your Mother all pure and of all your saints. Amen.”**

**PLEASE NOTICE** the lovely new granite countertops and help us keep them and the newly painted walls looking “brand new” by guiding our children (and the adults) to take care of our nice things. Please do not allow children to hang onto or climb onto the counters or tables. Please, also, remind your children not to run in the hall. We have had hot coffee spilled when a child ran into an adult holding a cup of coffee. Let’s not have it happen again!

**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** Michael Baroody, Sarah & Ted Baroody, Thomas Brown, Luz Maria Diago, Anne Gallagher, Joan & Harry Glass, Madeline Hynes, Charles Marquardt, Robert Moore, Hani Tahhan, Rachel Schramm.

**TO KEEP NAMES ON THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE RENEW NAMES IN WRITING BY THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF THE MONTH.**

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE**, a special service following the Divine Liturgy in which persons who have reposed are commemorated, includes the  **blessing of wheat or sweetened bread**. In addition to the offering for the liturgy commemoration, it is customary to make an **additional offering for the memorial service**. It is the **responsibility of the family to provide the wheat or sweetened bread** for the memorial service. For those families who are unable to prepare it themselves, ladies under the guidance of Shammaa Melissa Olt, have offered to prepare the wheat. Please call the church office (703-734-9566) to make your request. The cost is \$35.00.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Sun. Sept. 11	D	Philip Benedicto	
Tues. Sept. 13	A		Vespers Exaltation Holy Cross 7:30pm
Wed. Sept. 14	D	Rdr. Makarios	Liturgy Exaltation Holy Cross 7:30 pm
Sun. Sept. 18	C	Thomas Carney	
Sun. Sept. 25	D	Youth	

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