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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)

9/18/2011

H & S Stephanie Baroody - Family
H & S Georgette Kaady – Fakhouri Family
H & S Elie Khawand – Fakhouri Family
H & S Nabil Khouri
+ Hani Tahhan – Elena Hajjar & Family
+ Henry Groves, 10 yr MEMORIAL – Anson Groves
+ Mabel & Theodore Farrah – Family
MEMORIAL
+ Georgette Bittar – Fahham Family
+ Olga el Kouri – Family
+ George, Jacob & Saad el Koura
+ Harry Frissora, Sr. – Mary Frissora
+ Ilona Koman – Mary Frissora
+ Georges Samaha – Mona & Joseph Samaha
+ Reema Samaha – Family
+ Francis Samaha - Family
+ Laurice Jagganathan – Family

Schedule at a Glance

Sun. 9/18 Sunday School Begins at 9:15 am
Orthros 9:15 am
Divine Liturgy 10:30 am
Ladies' Guild/Melkite Guardians
Kick-off Luncheon (after Coffee Hour)

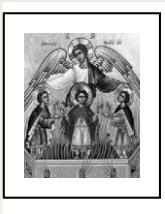
Sat. 9/24 Parish Council meeting 4 pm

Sun. 9/25 Sunday School 9:15 am
Orthros 9:15 am
Divine Liturgy 10:30 pm

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Today we are pleased to celebrate an important event in our parish life, and reflect on the words "I believe..." of the Creed. We do not merely say these words—but act them. The children and the adults who teach them are here to pray together and to be blessed at the start of a new School Year all to realize how Christ lives in each one, and, the Church as a whole. We reflect Christ in our lives—what we do should mirror what we say. We ask God to grant to his servants, our students, our teachers and our parents. May God grant them many years!



VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

JOIN US. THE CAUSE IS GOOD.

URGENT: NATIONWIDE BULLETIN INSERT

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Conscience rights violated by sweeping HHS contraceptive mandate; urgent action needed!

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has developed a [Nationwide Bulletin Insert](#) and has asked diocesan offices and state Catholic conferences to help disseminate it to parishes across the country. The USCCB's Nationwide Bulletin Insert urges parishioners to oppose the recent U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate *requiring* almost all private health plans to cover contraception and sterilization as "preventive services" for women. **If you have not already done so, please take the action called for in the Nationwide Bulletin Insert (linked above). Please also encourage your parish to use this Insert on the weekends of September 17/18 and September 24/25 (before the September 30 comment period deadline).** Thank you for your urgent actions and prayers on behalf of this nationwide effort!

The HHS mandate poses an *unprecedented threat* to individual and institutional religious freedom. The rule includes a religious exemption so extremely narrow that it protects almost no one. It covers only a "religious employer" that has the "inculcation of religious values" as its purpose, primarily employs and serves persons who share its religious tenets, and is a church organization under two narrow provisions of the tax code. Many religious organizations -- including Catholic colleges and universities, as well as hospitals and charitable institutions that serve the public -- will be ineligible. Individuals and religiously affiliated health insurers will not qualify for the exemption.

The new rule would force insurance plans to cover "all Food and Drug Administration approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity." Never before has the federal government required private health plans to include such coverage. The FDA-approved "emergency contraception" (EC) drugs that are covered by this mandate can work by interfering with implantation of a newly conceived human being. Also, the drug the FDA most recently approved for EC, "Ella," a close analogue to the abortion drug RU-486, has been shown in animal tests to cause abortion. **Thus, the mandate even includes drugs that may cause an abortion both before and after implantation.**

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 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, Rachel Schramm.

TO KEEP NAMES ON THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE RENEW NAMES IN WRITING BY THE 1ST 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 Shammaisa 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. 18	C	Thomas Carney	
Sun. Sept. 25	D	Youth	

This bulletin is sponsored by Peter El Khoura in memory of Olga El Khoury and George El Koura.