

# 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)

**9/25/2011**

**H & S Philip & Frances Baroody – Mary Baroody**  
**H & S Georgette Kaady – Fakhouri Family**  
**H & S Elie Khawand – Fakhouri Family**  
+ **Protodeacon Paul Weyrich – Family**  
+ **Deacon Robert Pride**  
+ **Hani Tahhan – Lani & Sam Kanakry**  
+ **Saada Francis Solounias**  
+ **Ismael Burgos – Hijazi Family**  
+ **Herminia Espinoza – Hijazi Family**  
+ **Harry Frissora, Sr. – Mary Frissora**  
+ **Georges Samaha – Gina Samaha & Family**  
+ **Reema Samaha – Family**  
+ **Francis Samaha - Family**  
+ **Laurice Jagganathan – Family**

### Schedule at a Glance

**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**

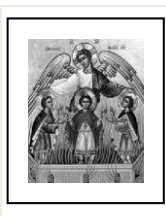
**Sun. 10/2      Sunday School 9:15 am**  
**Parents' meeting 9:15 am**  
**Orthros 9:15 am**  
**Divine Liturgy 10:30 am**

**Flower Sponsors:** **Mary Baroody** for Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos; **Joan Glass** for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. *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)*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to newly elected officers of the Youth Group: Presidents- Jay Cowen & Elias Samaha; Vice President- Patrick Quint; Secretary - Maria Cowen; Treasurer – Jackie Quint

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Sunday School begins at 9:15 am – Parents meeting next Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011 during Sunday School.



# VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

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**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.**

*Your Help is Needed!*

### for the Ladies Guild Arabic Sweets Baking Days Starting the first week in October

What better way to contribute to our Annual December Sweets Sales Fundraiser while learning to prepare delicious sweets as we work together in a spirit of Christian cooperation and charity? No special skill is required and all are welcome--women, men and teens!

Baking starts at 9:30 AM every Thurs. & Sat. in October and every Thurs., Fri., & Sat. in November (except for Thanksgiving week).

If you can help, please contact Lani Kanakry at 703-200-6416.

**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@holytransfiguration.org](mailto:office@holytransfiguration.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 1<sup>ST</sup> OF THE MONTH.**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Sun. Sept. 25	D	Youth	

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