

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)

12/11/2011

H & S Newly Illumined Handmaiden of God,
Emma Noel Saba
H & S Deacon Joseph & Schemaza Melissa Olt, 20th
anniversary
H & S Elizabeth Severino - Family
H & S Charles Hajjar – Elena Hajjar & Family
H & S Violet Johnson – Barbara & Scott Johnson
H & S James Ashooh – Barbara & Scott Johnson
H & S Renee Kalil – Family
H & S Thomas Kalil – Family
H & S Mary Farrah – Family
H & S Sean Kevin Brown – Ron & Neva Farrah
H & S Thomas Farrah- Family
H & S Georgette Kaady – Fakhouri Family
H & S Elie Khawand – Fakhouri Family
H & S Adele Khawand – Fakhouri Family
+ Rebecca Gallagher Featheringham – Family
+ Martha Bartlett – Adel Saba & Family
+ Daniel A. Adjodha - Family
+ John Frissora – Mary Frissora
+ Agoub Murad – Family
+ George Hajjar – Elena Hajjar & Family
+ Hani Tahhan – Mona & Joseph Samaha
+ Jalal Dabbah – Elena Hajjar & Family
+ Mary & Kenneth – Farrah Family
+ Kenneth A, Lewis – Farrah Family
+ Reema Samaha – Family
+ Francis Samaha - Family
+ Laurice Jagganathan – Family

Schedule at a Glance

Wed. 12/14 Paraklesis 7:30 pm
Sun. 12/18 Sunday School Pageant follows
Divine Liturgy and then caroling in the
neighborhood.
Wed. 12/21 Paraklesis 7:30 pm
Sat. 12/24 Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM
Orthros 10:00 PM
Divine Liturgy 11:00 PM
Nativity Agape Meal follows Liturgy
Sun. 12/25 NO LITURGY DURING THE
DAYLIGHT HOURS OF
CHRISTMAS

Give names (first name only) to the secretary for
inclusion in the Paraklesis Service.

Remember the Nativity Fast began on Nov. 15th. We
abstain from meat and dairy. In addition to fruits and
vegetables, fish and olive oil are allowed until Dec. 15th.
After Dec. 15th, the fast becomes stricter, just like
Great Lent. We abstain from meat, fish, dairy, oil and
wine.

Christmas Eve Agape Meal: After the 11pm Divine
Liturgy on Dec. 24th, our parish will celebrate the
Nativity of Our Lord with a festive potluck meal.
However, we need volunteers to bring food and to
help with set up and clean up. Please contact Lukas
or Lea Halim at loksman1@gmail.com (or after
Liturgy on Sunday) to volunteer.

Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth to the eternal Word of God, in an
ineffable manner. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when you hear this news and glorify with the angels and the
shepherds Him Who shall appear as a young child Who is God from all eternity.

SUNDAY SCHOOL thanks Nicky Schauder and her committee for the great St. Nicholas Party last week. The food was great, St. Nicholas' visit was delightful and we had a great time. Thank you Nicky.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHARITY

This year our charity effort will be to help a young girl with cancer and her family. We are collecting grocery or gas gift cards to help in some small way with their expenses. Please check the poster in the hall and the flyer that you will receive with the bulletin for more information. We will be collecting the cards thru New Year's Day. And again, we are reaching out to everyone for donations. All donations are appreciated - large or small. Thank you for your generosity and we ask God's blessing on you as you prepare for the Holy Nativity of Christ, our Lord.

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL: As we travel with the Virgin to Bethlehem where she will give birth to the greatest gift in human history—God's Only-Begotten Son—let us remember our Melkite Church by which Christ comes to us. **Please give an end-of-year, tax-deductible gift to the Melkite Church** in America and support our Church in its vital mission. Help produce *SOPHIA* magazine, assist in the spiritual renewal of our parishes, support the vocation recruitment and the training of our seminarians, assist our missions, and give support to our elderly priests. Please give generously; YOUR Melkite Church needs YOU!

REMEMBER THE MELKITE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL: Give a lasting gift for future generations of Melkites and help to ensure that our beautiful Melkite heritage continues to grow and flourish for your children's children. Simply add the following statement to your last will and testament: *I hereby bequeath to the Melkite Eparchy of Newton the following sum: \$_____.* Contact Bishop Nicholas personally to inform him of your generous bequest: 3 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132.

Flower donors for December: Ray & Irene Husson for the Feast of St. Nicholas, and Sarah Rosenbaum, Matthew and Justin Adjodha, Cynthia Gunnerson Casca, George Noory, Rev. Ephrem & Judy Handal, and Deacon David & Linda Black for the Paraklesis services. *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*

LADIES' GUILD NEWS: CHRISTMAS IN D.C. Event on Friday, Dec. 16th (starting at 5:30 PM) Join us with family and friends for a free concert by the City Choir of Washington at the Willard Hotel, see the National Christmas Tree, and dine after at the Elephant & Castle Pub & Restaurant. RSVP to Heidi at tedandheidikaska@yahoo.com or 703-393-0634.

There will be no LG Meeting on Dec. 18th. Instead, you are invited to take part in **Neighborhood Xmas Caroling** with our Sunday School. The next LG meeting will take place on Sun., Jan. 15th.

Many thanks to everyone who supported our annual Christmas Arabic Sweets Sale and who volunteered their time! Please note that the delivery day for all orders was Dec. 4th. ***If you have not already picked up your order, please do so this Sunday!*** We have a few extra ***boxes of sweets available to buy on Sunday*** in the Church Hall. Call Lani Kanakry (703-200-6416) for more information.

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 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>
Sun. Dec. 11	C	Patrick Saba	
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This bulletin is sponsored in honor of Archimandrite Charles Aboody's birthday by Family.