



## HOLY TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH

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### **Holy Transfiguration Church Hosts 29th Annual Middle Eastern Food Festival on Labor Day Weekend: September 3 & 4**

*Come and experience a weekend of legendary hospitality*

**McLEAN, Va., June 21, 2022** – Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church will host its 29th annual **Middle Eastern Food Festival**, September 3 and 4, on the church grounds -- 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean, Virginia. The festival will feature authentic Middle Eastern food, pastries, music and dancing, as well as vendors, church tours, and activities for both children and adults.

Join in the fun from **11 a.m. – 10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 3 and 12:30 – 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 4**. Smell the aromas from the outdoor grills, partake of *Kibbee, Chicken Shish Kebab, Roast Lamb, Falafel, Fattoush, Hummus, and Stuffed Grape Leaves*, or any number of other delicious menu choices. Be sure to save room for dessert and coffee. Some of the mouth-watering Arabic pastries include *Baklawa, Maamoul, Namoura* and *Ghraybeh*. There also is *Atayef*, a pancake-like dessert stuffed with a delicious pistachio mixture and rose-water simple syrup.

Once you've satisfied your appetite, visit the vendors or go on a church tour. Children, meanwhile, can enjoy the moon bounce, face painting, pony rides and the petting zoo, as well as participate in some of the many games going on throughout the festival.

A highlight of the event is the Saturday night, 6:00 p.m. "Hafli" ("party" in Arabic) that will feature live music and dancing. Join us and learn to dance the "Dabke," a traditional folk line dance.

The festival will be held rain or shine. Admission and parking are free. To learn more, visit [www.MiddleEasternFoodFestival.com](http://www.MiddleEasternFoodFestival.com).

*Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church is the local parish of the Melkite Eparchy of Newton (Massachusetts). "Melkite" is used to refer to those Catholics whose ancestry is Middle Eastern and who follow the Byzantine Tradition in worship, theology, and spirituality.*

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