



# ST MARY MAGDALENE

ORTHODOX CHURCH IN  
RINCON/SAVANNAH GEORGIA

## Scripture Readings

### Colossians 3:12-16 (Epistle)

Brethren, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

### Luke 18:35-43 (Gospel)

At that time, as the Lord was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

### Venerable Macarius the Great of Egypt

Saint Macarius the Great of Egypt, born in the early fourth century, is celebrated for his humility, asceticism, and profound spiritual wisdom. Widowed early, he forsook worldly pursuits to devote himself to prayer, penitence, and the care of his aging parents. Guided by an Elder, he mastered fasting, prayer, and watchfulness while living in a desert cell. Despite preferring solitude, his virtuous life led to his ordination as a deacon and later a priest. Known for enduring slander and demonic temptations with humility, Saint Macarius continually sought peace in isolation. His humility earned him spiritual power, allowing him to heal, perform miracles, and guide others to salvation.

Saint Macarius taught that true faith and love for God, paired with obedience to His commandments, are essential for salvation. His writings, including Fifty Spiritual Homilies and Ascetic Treatises, offer insights into communion with God and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. Emphasizing the balance of divine grace and human effort, his life of miracles, prayer, and humility remains a beacon for those seeking holiness. Saint Macarius passed away at ninety, leaving a legacy of theological wisdom, his relics enshrined in Amalfi, Italy, and his teachings alive in the Church.

# JANUARY 19TH, 2025 VENERABLE MACARIUS THE GREAT OF EGYPT

## JAN Birthdays, Names Day, & Anniversaries

- 1st - Andrew Rigato
- 5th - Ally Rigato
- 17th - Anthony Ally (Name's Day)
- 19th - Tahir (Markos) Savasir (Name's Day)
- 20th - Litsa Osburn
- 23rd - Matthew Somich
- 28th - Charis Ally (Name's Day)
- 29th - Dn. Vassily Kocher (Ordination)

## SCHEDULE

- January 18th - Great Vespers (5 PM)
- January 19th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

## WISDOM

*"You will often hear people rising up with apocalyptic voices at people and talk to them about punishment, about fire and brimstone, but all these are the expression of anger that lies in their souls and an outpouring on others. Christianity preaches mercy and love, not punishment and hate. The un-Christian attitude of condemning, expressed by some towards the troubles of others, is a sign that it has not been understood that we serve a God Who is Love. The suffering of others often becomes the subject of religious radicalism. Although they are not experts in biblical exegesis and may have never read the Book of Revelation, some people often make speculations and incorrect associations with certain events happening at a certain time in the world. Now it is more useful for all of us to pray for those who are suffering than to judge and weigh the sins of others from our own strength. Those in distress need compassion and prayers, not condemnation!"*

- St. Ignatius Briancianinov

## WEEKLY JOKES

*A lot of women say their husbands never listen to them. I'm proud to say I've never heard that from my wife.*

*Teacher: "Name a country without the letter R in it."  
Student: "No way!"*

*I once had a conversation with a dolphin. We just clicked.*

*Why did the priest always carry a pencil? Because he wanted to draw people closer to God!*

# COME AND SEE! YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME!

## Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Name's Days Sign Up

I am working on updating the directory and is requesting everyone's Birthdays, Name's Days, and Anniversaries. You can email me or fill out the sheet at Coffee Hour over the next few weeks and I will add those each month. If I miss anyone or you, please don't hesitate to let me know.

## Church Clean Up, Maintenance Items/Projects, and Coffee Hour:

Christ calls us to serve in many more ways than just financially supporting the Church. One of those is through signing up for Coffee Hour, Cleaning up the Church, and Maintenance Items/Projects. We have sign ups for both on Sign Up Genius. If you need help signing up, please see Tom, Kristin, or Fr. Stephen and they will be more than happy to help you sign up:

### Weekly Church Clean-up (through March 30):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAAAC23ABF49-52968691-weekly>

### Maintenance Items and Projects:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAAAC23ABF49-52940655-maintenance>

*\*\* (Items are in descending order of importance) Please review the Items / Projects. Some items may be accomplished in a few hours or less while others may take a few days. These can be completed depending on your individual schedule. Pick the task you would like to tackle and sign up. If you have any questions about the job itself, material, time frame, please contact Tom Maty.*

### Coffee Hour:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoE48ADAD2DA0F94-54179468-january>

All of these are also on our website (under the Calendar tab): <https://www.stmmoca.org/calendar>

## House Blessings:

You can still sign up for House Blessings (or by contacting me at 702-521-6988)  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD4FA5AB2EAAF8C07-54210134-house#/>

Additionally, you do not need to have Holy Water or brush as I bring everything with me, but I am asking that if you have a list of names you want remembered, please have them written down when I arrive. Thank you!

## Church School

Jeanie, our Sunday School teacher wanted to remind everyone that all children 3 and up (who are potty trained) are welcome to come to Sunday School, which happens during Coffee Hour. There is a registration form to get their birthday and some basic info.

## Carpool Volunteering (AKA the St. Christopher Society)

I'm looking to form a group of volunteers to provide rides to services for parishioners, catechumens, and inquirers in need from time to time. If you're interested in helping with this ministry, please see me, Fr. Stephen. This is a great opportunity to practice real service and stewardship.

## Happy 29th (70th) Birthday Litsa! Father Away for a few days

Months ago and prior to being assigned here, we had booked a trip for my mother, Litsa for her 29th (70th) Birthday. We will be away from Monday to Saturday morning. I will have my phone on me but cell service may be limited, however, I will have Internet so email me for anything if you want a quicker response. If you have an Apple device, you can call me. If you are unable to get ahold of me, please contact Dn. Vassily and he will contact me.

## Baby Shower for Brett and Lucia (January 25th at 1 PM)

Please join them in celebrating the birth of their daughter Ciana Rose at the hall on Saturday the 25th at 1 PM. It will be a potluck so please bring a dish to share. There is also a baby registry if you'd like to purchase something there (this link will also be in the weekly email):

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/brett-tomlinson-lucia-tomlinson-february-2025-springfield/>

## Annual Meeting Coming Up (February 2nd)

Our annual meeting will be the first weekend in February after Coffee Hour.

## Prayer List

### Living:

**Clergy:** Abp. Benjamin, Abp. Nathaniel, Abp. Alexander, Met. Isaiah, Fr. Matthew

**Community:** Tammy, Litsa, child Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Olga, Rita, Lucinda and her newborn child Ciana Rose, Jamie, Alexandra, Dorothy, Issac, Ron, Sandy, Donald, Cole, Marco, Joseph, Chad, Landin, Austin, Catherine Ann, Katherine, Jeff, David, Andrew

**Catechumens:** Andrew, Braden, Camilo, Chandler, Dan, Dusty, Evan, Felix, Garrett, Jordan, Kamaka, Kate, Kendra, Liam, Megan, Nathan, Nicole, Rachel, Sherrell, Van, William, Winry, Wyatt, Camron, Jason

**Prisoners:** Basil, Mark

**Orthodox Missions:** St. James (Beaufort) St. Basil (Marietta), St. John the Merciful (Kissimmee), St. Anthony (Rock Hill), Holy Resurrection (North Augusta), Annunciation (Jacksonville), St. John the Baptist (Colorado Springs), Ss. Mary and Martha Monastery (Wagner) and all missions and monasteries throughout the Diocese and USA.

**And all of those who are suffering throughout our community and the world who are in need of prayers.**

### Departed:

Fr. George, Alkinoi, David, Mat. Eugenia

### Youth:

To be announced. February activities are being planned. If you have any ideas of things that are fun to do locally, please let me know.

Some of the tentative things we have planned are seeing a Savannah Bananas game, seeing a Ghost Pirates game, going bowling, beach day at Tybee Island, Game Nights at the Church, Movie Night at the Church, go to Fun Zone, Escape Rooms, etc...

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