



# ST MARY MAGDALENE

ORTHODOX CHURCH IN  
RINCON/SAVANNAH GEORGIA

## Scripture Readings

### Ephesians 4:7-13 (Epistle, Sunday After)

Brethren, to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

### Matthew 4:12-17 (Gospel, Sunday After)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

JANUARY 12TH, 2025

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY  
AFTERFEAST OF THEOPHANY

## TBA Birthdays & Anniversaries

Fr. Stephen is currently building a new directory and is requesting everyone's Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries that will populate this section. If you can email him at [steve@osburnfamily.com](mailto:steve@osburnfamily.com), he will update it and start putting them here. We will also pass around a sheet the next few weeks at Social Hour to fill out.

## SCHEDULE

January 18th - Great Vespers (5 PM)

January 19th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

House Blessings have started. If you have not signed up, please sign up on SignUpGenius or Contact Fr. Stephen.

## WISDOM

*"Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love, and the future to God's providence."*

- St. Augustine of Hippo

*"Beloved brethren, let us prepare ourselves with all our strength, and let us strive with courage and constancy to attain the crown."*

- St. Cyprian of Carthage

*"As a pilot calls on winds and a storm-tossed sailor calls on a harbor, so do I call upon You, O Lord. Help me to finish the course of this new year in peace, health, and the pursuit of righteousness."*

- St. Basil the Great

## WEEKLY JOKES

What do you call a medieval spy? Sir Veillance.

Did you hear about the guy who invented the knock knock joke? He won the no bell prize.

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant. But then I changed my mind.

# COME AND SEE! YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME!

## Thank you for the help!

Thank you everyone who came out Saturday and helped us unpack. Many hands made it go by very quickly. May God Grant everyone Many Years!

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

Christ calls us to serve in many more ways than just financially supporting the Church. One of those is through signing up for Social 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.*

### Social Hour:

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

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

## House Blessings:

You can still sign up for House Blessings here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD4FA5AB2EAAF8C07-54210134-house#/>

Or by contacting Fr. Stephen at 702-521-6988

## Annual Meeting Coming Up (February 2nd)

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

## Afterfeast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

The sixth day of the Afterfeast of Theophany falls on January 12. Divine grace shines forth so that we might be freed from the power of the devil, and cleansed of our sins in Baptism. "He who once assumed the appearance of a malignant serpent and implanted death in the creation, is now cast into darkness by Christ's coming in the flesh...." (Ode 3, second Canon at Matins). "Through the Spirit and by the grace that comes through water, He grants a new birth to all who acknowledge His divinity, delivering them from their faults" (Ode 6, first Canon at Matins).

## Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those who suffered with her

The Holy Virgin Martyr Tatiana was born into a prominent Roman family, raised by her father, a secret Christian and former consul, to love God and the Church. Devoting her life to Christ, she chose to remain a virgin, rejecting earthly riches for the treasures of Heaven. Tatiana became a deaconess, serving the sick and needy through prayer and fasting. During the reign of the young emperor Alexander Severus, Christians faced severe persecution under the regent Ulpien. Tatiana was arrested and brought to the temple of Apollo to sacrifice to idols. She prayed fervently, causing an earthquake that destroyed the idol and part of the temple, scattering the pagans and exposing the demon behind the false god. Her tormentors inflicted brutal punishments, yet she prayed for their redemption, leading to miraculous events that converted several of them before their martyrdom.

Despite enduring unspeakable tortures, including being beaten, slashed, and mutilated, Saint Tatiana was miraculously healed by angels each time. Her unyielding faith confounded her tormentors as she emerged radiant and unharmed after each ordeal. Thrown into fire, attacked by wild beasts, and imprisoned, the saint remained unscathed, attributing her strength to divine intervention. In a final attempt to suppress her faith, Tatiana was placed in the temple of Zeus, where she prayed, shattering the idol and praising Christ. Condemned to death, she was beheaded alongside her father, who shared her unwavering love for Christ. Saint Tatiana's martyrdom stands as a testament to her extraordinary faith and the power of prayer in the face of persecution.

## 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 Ciania Rose, Jamie, Alexandra, Dorothy, Issac, Ron, Sandy, Donald, Cole, Marco, Joseph, Chad, Landin, Austin, Catherine Ann, Katherine, Jeff

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

**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:

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 Fr. Stephen 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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