



ST MARY MAGDALENE

ORTHODOX CHURCH IN
RINCON/SAVANNAH GEORGIA

Scripture Readings

1 Timothy 1:15-17 (Epistle)

Brethren, this is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Matthew 15:21-28 (Gospel)

At that time, Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church commemorates the Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, remembering all those Orthodox Christians who suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless Soviets during the years of persecution. These include the royal Passion Bearers Tsar Nicholas II and his family, and the Grand Duchess Elizabeth. Countless thousands of martyrs, both clergy and laity also suffered, some of whose names are known, as well as millions of simple believers whose names have been lost to history. It is estimated that the number of the New Martyrs of Russia, who were glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church at the Jubilee Council of 2000, far exceeds that of all the martyrs who died for Christ during the first three centuries of Christianity. The Russian Church lost millions of its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of external enemies, but also those of their own country. Among those who were murdered and tortured in the years of persecution were countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests, and bishops, whose only "crime" was their unshakable faith in God.

In the long history of the world, never have so many new heavenly intercessors been glorified by the Church in such a way (more than one thousand New Martyrs were numbered among the saints). Among those who suffered for their faith were some who labored in America before the Russian Revolution: St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (April 7); St. Alexander Hotovitzky (Dec. 4); St. John Kochurov (Oct. 31).

JANUARY 26TH, 2025

NEW MARTYRS AND CONFESSORS OF RUSSIA

JAN Birthdays, Names Day, & Anniversaries

- 1st - Andrew Rigato
- 4th - Yvette Lentz
- 5th - Ally Rigato
- 17th - Anthony Ally (Name's Day)
- 19th - Tahir (Markos) Savasir (Name's Day)
- 20th - Litsa Osburn
- 23rd - Matthew Somich
- 27th - Benedict Lentz
- 28th - Charis Ally (Name's Day)
- 29th - Dn. Vassily Kocher (Ordination)

SCHEDULE

- February 1st - Great Vespers (5 PM)
- February 2nd - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven."

"Blessed the one who continually humbles himself willingly; he will be crowned by the One who willingly humbled himself for our sake."

"Like the apple of Thine eye preserve me, O Lord God; defend me and beneath Thy wings shelter me from temptations."

- St. Ephrem the Syrian

WEEKLY JOKES

"When a hockey player is feeling down, they always find a way to 'puck' themselves up!"

How do you get a musician off your doorstep? Pay for the pizza.

I tried to order a large Coke when I was traveling through Minnesota. They wouldn't give one though...They only had Mini Sodas.

I just saw my wife trip over and drop a basket of clothes she just ironed. I watched it all unfold.

COME AND SEE! YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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.

Brett and Lucia Baby Registry:

If you still want to purchase something for their registry you can do so here (It is also included in the weekly email):

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

Annual Meeting Coming Up (Next Sunday)

Our annual meeting will be the first weekend in February after Coffee Hour. Please make sure you stay after for this important meeting. Additionally, all catechumens and inquirers, while you can not vote should still be there to see how the "business" of the Church works.

Prayer List

Living:

Clergy: Abp. Benjamin, Abp. Nathaniel, Abp. Alexander, Met. Isaiah, Fr. John, 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:

We have something to be announced next week.

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