

# MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT



## ST MARY MAGDALENE

ORTHODOX CHURCH IN  
RINCON/SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

### Scripture Readings

#### Hebrews 9:11-14 (Epistle)

Brethren, Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

#### Mark 10:32-45 (Gospel)

At that time, as they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

#### Lives of the Saints: St Mary of Egypt

St. Mary of Egypt was born in the 5th century and lived a life of extreme immorality from the age of twelve, driven not by need but by lust. One day, she joined a group of pilgrims going to Jerusalem, not to worship but to continue her sinful life. When she tried to enter the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, she was mysteriously barred. Realizing the depth of her sin, she turned to the Theotokos in prayer, begging for forgiveness. After being allowed to enter, she heard a divine call to cross the Jordan and live in repentance.

She spent the next 47 years in the desert, enduring harsh conditions, battling temptations, and slowly being transformed by God's grace. When the monk Abba Zosimas found her, he was amazed by her holiness, spiritual insight, and miraculous gifts. She received Holy Communion from him once before dying in peace. Zosimas buried her with the help of a lion, as her body lay incorrupt. St. Mary of Egypt remains a powerful witness to the boundless mercy of God and the transforming power of true repentance.

Read the Full Life of St. Mary of Egypt here: (Check your email for a PDF version)  
<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2018/04/01/100963-venerable-mary-of-egypt>

APRIL 6TH, 2025

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT  
ST. MARY OF EGYPT

## APR Birthdays, Names Day, & Anniversaries

3rd - Zoe Osburn

4th - Jordan and Sherrell White

14th - Fr. Michael Matsko

15th - Kendra Roberts

23rd - Meagan Clark

This is the current April List. If you have a birthday, name's day, or anniversary you want remembered, please let me know.

## SCHEDULE

April 9th - Wednesday

Presanctified Liturgy (6:30 PM)

April 10th - Thursday:

Coffee Chat @ Paddle's Coffee (10 AM)

(401 N Laurel St, Springfield, GA 31329)

April 12th - Saturday:

Divine Liturgy w/ Proskedia Lesson (9:15 AM)

Church Clean Up (After Lunch - 11:30 AMish)

No Vespers

April 13th - Sunday:

Palm Sunday Liturgy (9:30 AM)

## WISDOM

"Be my faithful witness before thy Son that I will never again defile my body by the impurity of fornication, but as soon as I have seen the Tree of the Cross I will renounce the world and its temptations and will go wherever thou wilt lead me."

- St. Mary of Egypt

## WEEKLY JOKES

In a safety meeting at work they asked me what steps I'd take in a fire. Apparently "Really big and fast ones" was the wrong answer.

I always carry a picture of my wife and daughter in my wallet. I do it to remind myself why there is no money in there.

Why don't Orthodox clergy play chess? Because they're afraid of any situation involving a "bishop".

# COME AND SEE! YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME!

## Confessions:

Confessions Every Saturday Before (4:15 PM) and After Vespers or By Appointment. Until Holy Thursday, Confessions 30 Minutes before all Services; then its by appointment only until after Pentecost.

## Stewardship and Serving Our Community

Please make every effort to participate in these meaningful opportunities for stewardship within our parish.

**Weekly Church Clean-up (through May):** (Holy Week sign up needed more than anything due to extra services - Please make every effort to sign up for these. The list looks very empty...)

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

**Maintenance Items and Projects (through August):**

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

**Coffee Hour (April):**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoE48ADAD2DA0F94-56050971-april>

**St. Christopher Society: (Carpool Volunteering)** (On Hold until new website - Will be developed later)

**Church School:** No Church School on Palm Sunday (April 13th) or Pascha Sunday (April 20th).

**Adult Class:** Every Sunday after Coffee Hour, unless noted everyone is welcomed to join. This is not just for our catechumens. Additionally, on our new website (when it goes live) all of these classes will also be available to download.

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

## Church Wide Clean Up (April 12th - Saturday - After Lunch)

Join us next Saturday for our annual church-wide cleanup as we prepare for Holy Week and Pascha! It's shaping up to be a full and vibrant day. Tentative Schedule: We'll begin with Liturgy (see below), followed by a pancake lunch, and then roll up our sleeves for the cleanup of the grounds, church, and hall. Please note also, that due to the length of the day, there will be no Vespers that evening. We'll bless the Palms at the end of Saturday morning's Liturgy in celebration of Palm Sunday. Please make every effort to come and help. We'd love to see you there!

## Proskedia and Liturgy Class (April 12th - Saturday - 9:15 AM)

Next Saturday before our Clean Up, we will have Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday. That will also include a special lesson on the Proskedia / Preparation of the Gifts service we do before Liturgy every Sunday. This is an important class for all to come to, especially our catechumens, so I highly recommend everyone try and be here for Liturgy that day.

## Special Collection for Pascha Flowers (Over the next few weeks)

### Tentative Holy Week Schedule

Sunday - April 13th - Palm Sunday (9:30 AM) (No Bridegroom Services that evening)  
Monday - April 14th - Bridegroom Matins (6:30 PM)  
Tuesday - April 15th - Bridegroom Matins (6:30 PM)  
Wednesday - April 16th - Bridegroom Matins (6:30 PM)  
Thursday - April 17th - Vespertal Liturgy (3:00 PM) / Matins w/ Passion Gospels (6:30 PM)  
Friday - April 18th - Vespers of Holy Friday (4:00 PM) / Matins of Holy Saturday (6:30 PM)  
Saturday - April 19th - Holy Saturday Liturgy (9:30 AM) / Pascha Services (11:30 PM)  
Sunday - April 20th - Agape Vespers (11:00 AM) / Easter Egg Hunt

There will be a light potluck for Thursday and Friday of that week. Please make sure to Sign Up on Kristin's April list when it comes out.

## New Website Coming Next Week

The New Website should (fingers crossed) go live next week. Be on the look out for that launch. Please note that my email address will change to reflect and I will be emailing from that new email address TBA.

## The Come and See Challenge:

**Have you brought someone NEW this month or reached out to someone come back?**

**Have you gone to Great Vespers at least once this month?**

**When was the last time you went to Confession?**

## Prayer List

### Living

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

**Community:** Tammy, Litsa, child Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Olga, Rita, Lucinda and her newborn child Ciana Rose, Jamie, Alexandra, Dorthy, Issac, Sandy, Donald, Cole, Marco, Joseph, Chad, Landin, Austin, Catherine Ann, Katherine, Jeff, David, Andrew, Eftihia, Hilda, John, Polly, June, Cathy, child Anastasia

**Catechumens:** Andrew, Braden, Camilo, Chandler, Dan, Dusty, Evan, Felix, Garrett, Jordan, Kamaka, Kate, Kendra, Megan, Nathan, Nicole, Rachel, Sherrell with child, 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 of the South and USA.

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

## Departed

George, Veronica, Braswell

## Youth

### Offering Boxes (April 13th):

Lenten Offering Boxes the kids have been putting together should be brought next Sunday.

### Easter Egg Hunt (April 20th):

We will be having our Easter Egg Hunt after Agape Vespers on Pascha Sunday.

## Monthly Parish Financial Report (As of March 16th, 2025):

March	April
Income Goal: \$11,535	Income Goal: \$14,610
Collections: \$5,948	Collections: TBA
Difference: -\$5587 / -51.56%	Difference: TBA

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