



# ST MARY MAGDALENE

## ORTHODOX CHURCH IN

### RINCON/SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

**MAY 25th, 2025**

**BLIND MAN**  
**6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA**

### Scripture Readings

#### Acts 16:16-34 (Epistle)

Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

#### John 9:1-38 (Gospel)

At that time, as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now... (FLIP OVER)

## MAY Birthdays, Names Day, & Anniversaries

- 2nd - Eliana Lentz
- 8th - Dottie Kocher
- 9th - Noah Rigato
- 17th - Jeanie Klezaras
- 18th - Chandler Blagburn
- 25th - Samson and Rachel Woodthorp
- 28th - Ron and Kristin Somich
- 28th - Garrett and Meagan Clark
- 28th - Marcel and Carmen Maghiar
- 29th - Fr. Stephen and Mat. Lindsey Osburn
- 30th - Susan Ally

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

## SCHEDULE

**May 28th - Wednesday**  
Ascension Vespural Liturgy (6:30 PM)

**May 29th - Thursday**  
Coffee Chat @ Paddles (10:00 AM)  
401 N Laurel St, Springfield, GA 31329

**May 31st - Saturday**  
Great Vespers (5:00 PM)

**June 1st - Sunday**  
Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM) / Grave Blessings After Coffee Hour

## WISDOM

"Why did the Savior anoint the eyes of the blind man with clay made from spittle? Certainly not because this mixture had in itself the power to open blind eyes. Rather, by forming clay He reminds us of the original fashioning of man, and that He is the same who 'formed man from the dust of the earth' (Genesis 2:7). By sending him to wash in the pool called Siloam—'Sent'—He teaches that He is the One sent from the Father, and that it is through Him that illumination comes." - St. Cyril of Alexandria

## WEEKLY JOKES

I saw the internet cable repairman on the street today. He asked me what time it was. I told him sometime between 8am and 1pm.

I showed my wife the belt I made out of the groceries we bought. She got mad because it was a huge waist of food.

# CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

## Scripture Reading Cont. (John 9:1-38)

sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

## Confessions - Every Saturday Before/After Vespers or By Appointment

## 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 - Please Sign Up):

<https://savannahorthodox.com/keeping-our-community-clean/>

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

<https://savannahorthodox.com/maintenance-and-projects/>

### Coffee Hour (Website will be updated with new list next week. Please continue to sign up):

<https://savannahorthodox.com/coffee-hour/>

St. Christopher Society: (Carpool Volunteering) - Please let me know if you are interested in being on this list.

Kids Church School: Resumes again in September.

Adult Class: Every Sunday after Coffee Hour, everyone is welcomed to join, not just catechumens. Classes also available to download at: <https://savannahorthodox.com/adult-study/> as well as you can subscribe on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music, Pandora, iHeart Radio, and all other Podcast Platforms.

## Tithing

Summer is coming and numbers tend to drop because of vacations and such. Not a problem. Just make sure you are still doing your best to tithe as you are able by either mailing it, post dating your checks and providing that to Ron, or even donating on our website here: <https://savannahorthodox.com/help-us-grow/>

## Altar Boy Robe Update (Ron will provide Update at end of Liturgy)

## "Joey, let's make some wake-up juice." at Coffee Chat (May 29th - 10 AM)

Tell me what movie this is from and I will buy you a coffee. You have to tell me at coffee chat or else the deal is null and void. If you tell me at church, it doesn't count. Must happen at Paddles. Join us for Coffee Chat at Paddles this Thursday at 10 AM. Also, June 5th will be our last Coffee Chat until September 4th.

## Lives of the Saints: Blind Man

The Sunday of the Blind Man (John 9:1-38) reveals Christ as both the Light of the world and the Creator. After declaring His divinity in the Temple, Jesus intentionally encounters a man born blind—not as punishment for sin, but so that the works of God might be made manifest in him. Using clay made from His own spittle, Christ heals the man, recalling the creation of Adam from the dust and showing that He is the same God who formed humanity in the beginning. He then sends the man to wash in the Pool of Siloam, a name meaning "Sent," symbolizing both Christ Himself and the healing grace of Baptism. This healing leads not only to physical sight but to spiritual enlightenment, as the man boldly confesses his faith in Christ despite opposition from the Pharisees and fear from his own parents. His courage contrasts with the willful blindness of the religious leaders, who close their hearts to the miracle before them. The Gospel calls us to a living faith—one that is openly confessed, even when costly. Also commemorated on this day is the Icon of the Mother of God "Of the Passion," reminding us that God's mercy continues to be made manifest through the Church and her sacred signs.

## Monthly Parish Financial Report (As of May 23rd, 2025):

April	May
Income Goal: \$14,610	Income Goal: \$11,710
Collections: \$11,932	Collections: \$6,013
Difference: -\$2,678 / -18.33%	Difference: -\$5,697 / -48.64%

PRIEST: Fr. Stephen Osburn 702-521-6988 | DEACON: Dn. Vassily Kocher 912-756-5178

E-MAIL: [frsteve@savannahorthodox.com](mailto:frsteve@savannahorthodox.com) | [SavannahOrthodox.com](http://SavannahOrthodox.com) | [Facebook.com/SavannahOrthodoxChurch/](https://Facebook.com/SavannahOrthodoxChurch/)

## 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

## Departed

Mat. Eleanor, Angie, Eftihia, John, Cathy, Thomas, Reagan and family, Martin

## 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, Dorothy, Issac, Sandy, Donald, Cole, Marco, Joseph, Chad, Landin, Austin, Catherine Ann, Katherine, Jeff, David, Andrew, Hilda, Polly, June, child Anastasia, Ryan, Howe, Georgianna, Sharrell with child, Ann, Durazi, Ray, Patrick, George

Catechumens: Andrew, Camron, Dusty, Evan, Garrett, Jason, Josh, Kate, Megan, Nicole, Winry

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.

## Youth

## Beach After Liturgy (Today):

Weather permitting: We will be heading up to North Beach on Tybee Island. After Liturgy, everyone going is asked to meet in front of the church so we can coordinate the carpool. The drive is about an hour and a half with traffic. The parking situation there does have a fee (Website said \$4/hr). After swimming, we can all head somewhere for dinner. If you know a good place in the area, please let me know. Everyone is welcome to come and I hope you all do!  
Address: 2-6 14th St, Tybee Island, GA 31328