



ST MARY MAGDALENE

**ORTHODOX CHURCH IN
RINCON/SAVANNAH, GEORGIA**

Scripture Readings

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 (Epistle)

For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

John 17:1-13 (Gospel)

The Lord spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

JUNE 1st, 2025

**FATHERS OF 1ST COUNCIL
7TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA**

JUNE Birthdays, Names Day, & Anniversaries

- 4th - Dn. Vassily and Dia. Janice Kocher
- 7th - Bobby Drevitson Jr.
- 7th - Ken Gimik
- 21st - Marcel Maghiar
- 22nd - Dia. Janice Kocher
- 29th - Fr. Michael Matsko
- 30th - Van Roberts
- 30th - Sharrell Love

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

SCHEDULE

June 5th - Thursday (Last One Until September)

Coffee Chat @ Paddles (10:00 AM)

401 N Laurel St, Springfield, GA 31329

June 7th - Saturday

Great Vespers (5:00 PM)

June 8th - Sunday

Pentecost Divine Liturgy w/ Kneeling Vespers (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"Men are often called intelligent wrongly. Intelligent men are not those who are erudite in the sayings and books of the wise men of old, but those who have an intelligent soul and can discriminate between good and evil. They avoid what is sinful and harms the soul; and with deep gratitude to God they resolutely adhere by dint of practice to what is good and benefits the soul. These men alone should truly be called intelligent." -St. Anthony the Great

WEEKLY JOKES

It doesn't matter how old you are, buying snacks for a road trip should always look like an unsupervised 9 year old was given a \$100.

I ran into an old friend yesterday. Got awkward when we had to exchange insurance info.

My wife asked me to sync her phone, so I threw it into the Savannah River.

I tried out one of those apps that show you what you look like as an old person. It's called Camera.

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Confessions - Every Saturday Before/After Vespers or By Appointment

Stewardship and Serving Our Community

Weekly Church Clean-up (through August):

<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 as its not only good for our community but even better when visitors come and see our parish for the first time for us to show how welcoming we are.):

<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/>

“No plans. Just life.” and Coffee Chat (June 5th - 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.

Upcoming Travels (June 9th-20th)

I will be on vacation down to...yup...Disney World from the 9th to the 20th of this month. I will still send out the bulletin and there will be copies printed as normal. Fr. Michael will be serving for me on the 15th.

Parish Council Meeting (June 22nd)

Lives of the Saints: Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

On the seventh Sunday of Pascha, the Orthodox Church commemorates the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council held in Nicea in 325 AD. This Council was convened by Emperor Constantine to address the dangerous heresy of Arianism, which denied the divinity of Jesus Christ. Arius, a priest from Alexandria, claimed that Christ was a created being and not equal to God the Father.

The Council gathered 318 bishops, many of whom were confessors who had suffered under Roman persecution. Among them were notable saints like St. Nicholas of Myra, St. Spyridon of Tremithos, and St. Athanasius the Great, who powerfully defended the Orthodox faith. The Council excommunicated Arius, rejected his teachings, and proclaimed that Christ is “consubstantial” (of the same essence) with the Father, affirming this in the Nicene Creed.

In addition to defending Christ's divinity, the Council addressed church discipline and established the rule that Pascha should be celebrated independently of the Jewish Passover, on the Sunday after the first full moon of spring. This great Council marks a pivotal moment in Church history, preserving the unity and truth of the faith against internal heresy.

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, John, Cathy, Thomas

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, Doug, Silvia, Paisios

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

TBA:

We have quite a young to older ratio with our youth in the parish and I'm going to re-evaluate how we minister to both with our activities. If you have any suggestions of activities that can involve all of them or maybe breaking down into separate ones, please let me know.

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%

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