



ST MARY MAGDALENE

ORTHODOX CHURCH IN
RINCON/SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

AUGUST 24TH, 2025

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HIEROMARTYR EUTYCHIUS

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 9:2-12 (Epistle)

Brethren, if I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

Matthew 18:23-35 (Gospel)

The Lord told this Parable: the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Saint of the Day: Hieromartyr Eutyches, disciple of Saint John the Theologian

The Hieromartyr Eutyches, a disciple of the holy Apostles John the Theologian and Paul, lived from the first century into the beginning of the second century, and was from the Palestinian city of Sebastea. Although Saint Eutyches is not one of the 70 Apostles, he is called an Apostle because of his labors with the older Apostles, by whom he was made bishop. After hearing about Christ the Savior, Saint Eutyches first became a disciple of the Apostle John the Theologian. Later he met the Apostle Paul, and preached together with him on the early journeys. Saint Eutyches underwent many sufferings: they starved him with hunger, beat him with iron rods, they threw him into the fire, and then to be devoured by wild beasts. Once, a lion was let loose upon the saint, which astonished everyone because it praised the Creator with a human voice. The hieromartyr Eutyches completed his labors in his native city, where he was beheaded with a sword at the beginning of the second century.

AUG. Birthdays, Names Day, & Anniversaries

- 4th - Christina Hanna
- 4th - Garrett Clark
- 5th - Joshua Gimik
- 7th - Mat. Lindsey Osburn
- 9th - Luke Rigato
- 10th - Levi Lentz
- 14th - Nate Hall
- 14th - Mark Guyer
- 15th - Theodore Harrod
- 15th - Maria Guyer (Name's Day)
- 19th - Rachel Woodthorp
- 20th - Bently Carver
- 21st - Marcel Maghiar
- 21st - Ron Somich
- 24th - Andrew Rigato Jr.
- 24th - Dan Léger
- 25th - Felix Galindez
- 25th - Maria Guyer
- 30th - Alex Dita (Name's Day)
- 31st - Asher Beem

SCHEDULE

August 28th - Thursday
Coffee Chat @ Paddles (10:00 AM)

August 30th - Saturday
Great Vespers (5:00 PM)

August 31st - Sunday
Hours (9:00 AM)
Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"The truly blessed are not the ones who can work miracles or see angels. The truly blessed are the ones who can see their own sins."

- St. Anthony the Great

WEEKLY JOKES

Tripped and hit my head on a snare drum and now I think I have a percussion.

A nervous first time cruiser asked the Captain, "Do ships like this sink very often?" No, replied the Captain, "Usually only once."

THANK YOU, O LORD! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Monthly Parish Financial Report (As of August 22nd, 2025):

Income Goal: \$14,810
Weekly Collection Goal: \$2,962
Average Weekly Collection: \$2,495
Total this Month: \$7,685
Remaining Needed to Meet Goal: \$7,125

Here is the latest dashboard reflecting 3 of 5 Sundays in August. We still have a lot of work to do to make our monthly goal. We will need to average almost \$3600 each week to meet his goal.

Donate Online:

You can also give securely online:
<https://savannahorthodox.com/help-us-grow/>

Financial Report:

Many have requested a full copy of our up-to-date budget is available here: <https://savannahorthodox.com/reports/> and will be included in the weekly newsletter as a downloadable link.

Special Projects/Extra Expenses:

While we budget for regular expenses, there are some extra needs this month that you can give toward specifically:

AC Repair in Church – \$521.60 (Not Funded)
Fixing the Ceiling – Cost TBD
New Toilets in Hall & Church – Cost TBD

Let us continue to give faithfully and generously, so that the work of Christ in our parish may flourish and every need be met to the glory of God.

Confessions - Every Saturday Before (4:30 PM) & After Vespers. Also 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 (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. We will also be hosting a Luau at the end of the month (August 31st), which will include activities for the kids):
<https://savannahorthodox.com/coffee-hour/>

Kids Church School: Resumes again September 7th. Registration forms are in Narthex on the cabinet. Please see Jeanie if you have questions.

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. There is also a weekly newsletter sent out with a link. If you are not on there (or our newsletter in general, please let me know).

Jordan and Sharrell Love Baby Registry: <https://savannahorthodox.com/registry/>

Saturday Night Questing: Every other Saturday. Please see David Reynolds (Cell: 706-224-2721) to learn more. The next session will be September 6th.

St. Christopher Society (Carpooling Service for Parishioners Unable to Attend)

I am looking for someone who can help coordinate this ministry. We have some older folks like Ray Givan who have not been able to attend due to physical limitations and some younger folks who rely on rides from parents to make their way to church. I want to put together a special directory that anyone in our parish with the password for it, can access and request a ride for any given service. We have some folks already who offer rides and that is wonderful but I would like to expand this to all. No one should ever miss because they couldn't get a ride to Church. So what I am asking for is that some folks to volunteer to be on this directory as well as someone to help me coordinate so we can make this happen. It might be a smaller ministry now, but I believe its going to be an important one as well continue to grow and expand. Please consider helping if you are able. I would like to see this launch by September.

Updating Our Commemoration List

We are currently updating our commemoration list for the Proskomedia (Preparation Service that is done before every Liturgy). If you would like to have yourself, your family, or friends included, both living and departed (they do not have to be Orthodox) we have provided cards in the back of the church. Please fill them out and return them to either Dn. Vassily or myself by the end of the month.

Donated Goods - Free to Take (This Weekend)

The dry and frozen goods that Hilda donated to anyone who is interested is on the back table by the Hall entrance. Please consider taking something if you need it. The frozen items are in the freezer, obviously... Next Sunday Susanna will take anything not yet claimed to be donated to our local pantry.

Coffee Chat (August 28th - Paddles at 10 AM)

We will have coffee chat on August 28th at 10 AM over at our usual spot at Paddles. There has been some who have asked if we can move the chat to Fridays and possibly try different locations. There is a Christian coffee shop in Pooler that I am thinking we may try next month. If you are interested in either moving the date or the location or have another suggestion, please let me know.

New Adult Study Series (Begins September 10)

Starting Wednesday, September 10th, we will be offering an additional adult class taught by me, Fr. Stephen in addition to our regular Sunday Bible study. This series will focus on a single topic over several weeks, allowing us to explore it in depth. We will begin each evening with Daily Vespers at 5:30 PM, followed by the class. All sessions will be recorded and added to our parish podcast feed for those unable to attend in person. The first topic of this series will be on the Parables.

Ask Yourself This Daily:

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

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

Are you giving your first offering to God/tithing regularly?

Prayer List

Departed

Russ, Nicholas, Brian, Lazar

Living

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

Community: Tammy, Litsa, child Lilliana, Carl, Olga, Rita, Lucinda, child Ciana Rose, Jamie, Ray, Alexandra, Dorthy, Issac, Sandy, Donald, Cole, Joseph, Chad, Landin, Austin, Catherine Ann, Katherine, Jeff, David, Andrew, Hilda, Polly, June, Ryan, Howe, Georgianna, child Anastasia, Ann, Durazi, Patrick, George, Doug, David, Katie, Kerri, David, Johanna, Lilly, Haley, Sean, Silke, William, Karrisra, Mary Ann, Vicki, Kati, Tonya, Patricia, Tina, James, Myka, Kati, Audra, Michelle, Brent, Melody, Nicholas, Hunter, Bill

Expecting Mothers: Savannah, Sharrell, Libby

Catechumens: Andrew, Mary Ann, Ally, Andrew Jr, Noah, Luke, Dusty, Evan, Josh, Nicole, Winry, Jeremiah, Dakota, Bridgette, Theodore, Zach, Asher, Audra, Victor, Charlie, Ethan, Austin, Kasey, Bently, Raelynn, Emma, Oakleigh

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 in our community and the world who are in need of prayers.

Youth

Clean Up and Ice Cream (Today)

Today we will be cleaning Mrs. Jeanie's Classroom, getting it ready for the new school year, before heading to Garrett and Meagan's Rolling Monkey to see how their ice cream is made! Come ready to serve, learn, and have fun!

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