



ST MARY MAGDALENE

ORTHODOX CHURCH IN
RINCON/SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

AUGUST 3RD, 2025

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ISAAC, DALMATIOS, & FAUSTUS

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (Epistle)

Brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 14:14-22 (Gospel)

At that time, when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

Saints of the Day: Isaac, Dalmatus, and Faustus of the Dalmatian Monastery

On August 3rd, the Church honors three faithful ascetics and defenders of Orthodoxy: Saints Isaac, Dalmatus, and Faustus, who each lived lives of deep prayer, bold conviction, and unwavering commitment to Christ. Saint Isaac, a former soldier turned monk, reached such spiritual depth that he was granted divine visions. When Emperor Valens began persecuting the Orthodox and promoting Arianism, Isaac left his monastery to confront him, warning that he would perish in flames—a prophecy fulfilled when Valens died in a fire following his defeat at Adrianople. Released from prison by the Orthodox Emperor Theodosius the Great, Isaac helped defend the Faith at the Second Ecumenical Council (381). Though he wished to return to solitude, a monastery was built for him in Constantinople, where he served as igumen and later appointed Saint Dalmatus as his successor. Saint Dalmatus, also a former soldier, left military life with his son Faustus to pursue monasticism under Isaac. Known for his strict asceticism, Dalmatus once fasted all of Great Lent without food and was granted a divine vision. After Isaac's repose, Dalmatus became igumen and was honored at the Third Ecumenical Council (431) for defending the Church against Nestorianism. He reposed at the age of ninety, and his son Saint Faustus, who had embraced the same monastic discipline, succeeded him as igumen. Though less is known of Faustus, his life reflects the strength and holiness passed down through faithful obedience. Together, these three saints represent a spiritual lineage rooted in courage, asceticism, and the preservation of the Orthodox Faith. Their lives remind us that true strength is found not in power or status, but in obedience to Christ, courage in the face of heresy, and perseverance in the hidden life of prayer.

Holy Venerable Fathers Isaac, Dalmatus, and Faustus, pray to God for us!

AUG. Birthdays, Names Day, & Anniversaries

- 4th - Christina Hanna
- 4th - Garrett Clark
- 5th - Joshua Gimik
- 7th - Mat. Lindsey Osburn
- 9th - Luke Rigato
- 10th - Levi Lentz
- 11th - Susan Ally (Name's Day)
- 15th - Theodore Harrod
- 19th - Rachel Woodthorp
- 20th - Bently Carver
- 21st - Marcel Maghiar
- 21st - Ron Somich
- 24th - Andrew Rigato Jr.
- 25th - Felix Galindez

If you have a birthday, name's day, or anniversary you want remembered, please let me know.

SCHEDULE

August 5th - Tuesday
Vesperal Transfiguration Liturgy (6:30 PM)

August 9th - Saturday
Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
Saturday Night Questing (5:45 PM)

August 10th - Sunday
Baptismal Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"Half of hell is already on earth - defend the faith within you, labor it for God & neighbor."
- St Gabriel of Georgia

"She is the Mother of the Church. She does not cease to protect us and to intercede for us until the end of time."
- St. John Maximovitch

WEEKLY JOKES

Called my mom to pick me up from this sleepover I didn't like and she said "no because you're 39 and that's your wife and kid."

As a child, it was my dream to create the perfect bar of soap, but somehow that dream just slipped away.

I went to the candle store today. They were having a blowout sale.

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

Monthly Parish Financial Report (As of August 1st, 2025):

July 2025

Income Goal: \$11,810
Collections Last Month: \$10,617
Avg Weekly Goal: \$2,953
Avg Weekly Collection: \$2,654

August 2025

Income Goal: \$14,810
Weekly Collection Goal: \$2,962

Tithing:

We had our best month of the year in July. Thank you! We only missed our giving goal by about 10%. August has an extra weekend, so the overall goal is a bit higher, but the weekly pace is about the same. Faithful giving doesn't just keep the lights on and the AC going (which we definitely need in this heat...), it allows us to grow, to serve, and to spread the Gospel here in Savannah and throughout this beautiful area. Every gift, no matter the size, helps build up the Church's witness in this place. Let's keep it going. With everyone working together, we can meet August's goal and continue the work Christ has given to us.

Donate Online: <https://savannahorthodox.com/help-us-grow/>

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.): <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.

Catechism Guide: <https://savannahorthodox.com/catechumen/>

Homeless Kits: We still have some remaining from Lent if you need a restock. They are in the Hall by the door.

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

St. Christopher Society (Carpooling)

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.

Dry Goods - Free to Take

Sadly, our own Hilda will be moving at the end of August to Astoria, Oregon and has generously donated a ton of dry and canned goods, as well as frozen meats (chicken, ground beef, steaks, pork chops, etc...) to whoever would like to take them. She also donated paper towels, napkins, and toilet paper to the church and we are grateful. On the table where the coffee is usually at as well as in the fridge freezers, we have placed all of these various items that are free to take. Whatever is not taken will be donated to our local pantry. It is sad that she will be leaving our parish but she is always welcome here and we pray for her safe travels to her new home. May God Grant Hilda Many Years!

Saturday Night Questing: Orthodox Tabletop Campaign (August 9th)

Looking for something fun and meaningful to do on Saturday nights? You are welcome to join the fantasy campaign after Vespers ran by David Reynolds. It is ran every 2 weeks and is open to young adults and anyone interested. Using the Pathfinder 2E system, this homebrew setting features a monotheistic world shaped by the Pantokrator and Creator Saints, with rich storytelling set in the mysterious "Age of Silence." It's a great way to build fellowship, explore deep themes, and enjoy classic adventure. If you'd like to join, please reach out to David Reynolds at 706-224-2721 to sign up or learn more.

Upcoming Blessings (August 10th & 17th)

As part of the Dormition Fast, we'll celebrate two festal blessings on upcoming Sundays at the end of Liturgy. On Sunday, August 10, we'll bless grapes, fruits, and honey in honor of Transfiguration (traditionally done on August 6). On Sunday, August 17, we'll bless flowers and herbs for the Dormition of the Theotokos (traditionally done on August 15). These blessings remind us that even during fasting, the Church gives us glimpses of Christ's glory and the Theotokos' heavenly rest. Make sure to note if you'd like those things blessed on those Sundays. We will also have Vespertine Liturgies in the evening on August 5th and 14th.

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?

Prayer List

Departed

Nicholas, Brian, Lazar, Robin, DeSean, Christina, Jason, Bill

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, Sharrell with child, Ann, Durazi, Patrick, George, Doug, Paisios, Savannah with child, David, Katie, Kerri, David, Johanna, Lilly, Haley, Sean, Silke, William, Karrisra, Mary Ann, Libby with child, Vicki, Myka, Kati, Tonya, Patricia

Catechumens: Andrew, Mary Ann, Ally, Andrew Jr, Noah, Luke, Dusty, Evan, Jason, Josh, Nicole, Winry, Jeremiah, Dakota, Bridgette, Theodore, Zach, Asher, Audra, Victor

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

Clean Up and Ice Cream (Aug 24th)

Our youth group is back in action! Join us for a day of service and fellowship as we help clean 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! St. James's youth group will also be joining us, God willing. Come ready to serve, learn, and have fun!