



# ST MARY MAGDALENE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN RINCON/SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

## Scripture Readings

### 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (Epistle)

Brethren I say: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

### Luke 7:11-16 (Gospel)

At that time the Lord Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

## Saints of the Day: Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25). The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI. The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18). In Greek practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday which follows October 11. According to the Slavic menaion, however, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday.

## Martyrs Probus, Tarachus, and Andronicus, at Tarsus in Cilicia

The Martyrs Tarachus, Probus, and Andronicus suffered for Christ in the year 304 at Tarsus in Cilicia. When the pagans ordered him to offer sacrifice to idols, the old soldier Tarachus replied that he would offer a pure heart to the one true God instead of sacrifices of blood. Seeing the firmness of the saint's confession the true Faith, the proconsul gave them all over to torture. "When my body suffers," Saint Probus said to the idol worshippers, "then my soul is healed and invigorated." The tormentors refined their tortures, such as their rage could invent, and then they tore the bodies of the saints apart. Christians secretly took up the relics of the saints and buried them.

# OCTOBER 12TH, 2025 FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

## OCT. Birthdays, Names Day, & Anniversaries

- 5th - Tahir Savasir
- 7th - Liam Loomis
- 8th - Nika Matsko
- 11th - Fr. Stephen Osburn
- 11th - Phillip Savasir (Name's Day)
- 12th - Tammy and Jaimie Collins
- 17th - Savannah Savasir
- 22nd - Rdr. Alex Vlachos

Let me know if I missed anyone.

## SCHEDULE

October 15th - Wednesday

Molieben (5:45 PM)

Wednesday Evening Orthodox Study (6:00 PM)

October 17th - Friday

Coffee Chat at Paddles (10:00 AM)

October 18th - Friday

Great Vespers (5:00 PM)

Saturday Night Questing (After Vespers)

October 19th - Sunday

Hours (9:00 AM)

Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

Pumpkin Carving (After Liturgy)

## WISDOM

"The honor paid to the image passes to the prototype, and he who venerates an icon venerates in it the person depicted." "I do not worship matter, I worship the Creator of matter who became matter for my sake, who willed to take His abode in matter, who worked out my salvation through matter. Never will I cease honoring the matter which wrought my salvation."

- St. John of Damascus, On the Divine Images

## WEEKLY JOKES

You never know what I have up my sleeve. Today, for example, it was a dryer sheet.

How many birds does it take to change a lightbulb? Ideally three, but toucan.

Some say it's wrong to fill farm animals with helium, but I say hey whatever floats your goat.

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

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

“Every good and perfect gift is from above...  
Your own of Your own, we offer to You.”

September Income Goal: \$11,910  
September Income Received: \$11,224  
October Income Goal: \$11,910  
Weekly Goal for October: \$2,978

For a cause worthy of a blessing, our treasurer Ron was absent last Sunday and we only have last week's financial report. Ron will give his monthly report to the parish next weekend. Full copy of our up-to-date budget is available here: <https://savannahorthodox.com/reports/>

### Special Projects/Extra Expenses:

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

AC Repair in Church – \$521.60 (Not Funded)  
Narthex and Shrine Ceiling Blue Paint – \$40 (Not Funded)

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.

### Donate Securely Online:

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

Confessions – Every Saturday Before (4:30 PM) & After Vespers. Also By Appointment.

## Parish Happenings

Everyone loves a fresh pot of coffee, a tidy parish hall, and well kept grounds, but those blessings don't appear by Disney magic (though could you imagine if they did? Wow haha). They're made possible by parishioners who give their time and talents to make those things possible. Signing up is an act of love that everyone benefits from, so please, sign up. Don't wait to be asked. Just do it.

Weekly Church Clean-up (through Sept.): <https://savannahorthodox.com/keeping-our-community-clean/>

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

Coffee Hour (Updated for September): <https://savannahorthodox.com/coffee-hour/>

Kids Church School: Every Sunday after Coffee Hour. See Jeanie with questions if your child is not enrolled.

Adult Classes: Join us every Wednesday evening for our adult class series and every Sunday after Coffee Hour for Bible study. All classes are recorded and available online and on all major podcast platforms.

Coffee Chat: Every Friday – 10 AM Paddles – 401 N Laurel St, Springfield, GA 31329.

Saturday Night Questing (Next Session October 18th): See David Reynolds (Cell: 706-224-2721) to learn more.

## Parish Council (Today)

### Youth Pumpkin Carving (Next Sunday – October 19th)

On Sunday, October 19th our youth will be gathering for a pumpkin carving activity. Dan has generously provided pre-gutted pumpkins, so all the kids need to do is bring their creativity. The children will draw their designs, and the young adults group will help cut them out. This is not a Halloween or devilish event. We are “Christianizing” the activity by encouraging everyone to carve a cross or something that represents the Church. Please let Dan Leger know by today so we can have everything ready for next Sunday.

### St. James Liturgy at St. Paul's Orthodox Church (October 22nd at 6PM)

On Wednesday evening, October 22 at 6:00 PM, St. Paul's will celebrate the Feast of St. James with the ancient Divine Liturgy of St. James. This is the oldest Eucharistic service in the Orthodox Church, dating back to the early centuries in Jerusalem, and it is only celebrated on rare occasions. Our parish has been invited to attend, and I encourage everyone to take advantage of this special opportunity to experience such a unique and beautiful liturgy. I will be serving there on behalf of our parish. Please note: There will be no Wednesday evening class that night.

### Young Adults Class (October 26th – After Liturgy – God Willing...)

We've had to reschedule this class a couple of times, but God willing it will take place the last Sunday of the month. Dn. Vassily will be teaching the first class on the beauty and meaning of iconography and its place in the life of the Church. This class is especially for our young adults (ages 13–25), but as always, everyone is warmly welcome to join.

### Fall Fest and Chili Cookoff! (November 2nd)

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, November 2, we'll gather for our annual Fall Fest and Chili Cook-Off. Enter your best dish in one of three categories: Best Chili, Best Side, or Best Dessert. There will be plenty of fun for the kids too: piñata, crafts, caramel apple bar, face painting, and a s'mores bar. To sign up, please see Mat. Lindsey or Nika Matsko. Tell your friends, family, your neighbors, and your coworkers to come and join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fall fun!

### Thank you to all who helped at the Greek Food Festival this year!

I spoke with Connie, the festival coordinator on Saturday and she told me how thankful she is for all the volunteers from our parish. She said everyone has been a huge help and that their positive attitudes, hard work, and willingness to serve made a big difference. She was truly amazed. It's wonderful to see our parish family shining in the community. May God Grant all our volunteers Many Blessed Years!

## 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

Jill, Juniper, Charles, Iryna, and those killed by the Helicopter crash in Hickman County, Tennessee

### Living

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

Community: Mother Cassiana, Tammy, Litsa, child Lilliana, Carl, Olga, Rita, child Ciana Rose, Jamie, Ray, Alexandra, Dorthy, Issac, Sandy, Donald, Cole, Joseph, Chad, Landin, Austin, Catherine Ann, Katherine, Jeff, David, Andrew, Polly, Ann, George, Doug, David, Katie, Kerri, David, Lilly, Haley, Sean, William, Mary Ann, Vicki, Kati, Tonya, Patricia, Tina, James, Bill, Lansen, Helen, Nicholas, Irena, Pina, Andre, child Oliver, Laurie, Akira, Vic, Jodi, Charlee, Owen, Wendy, Vladimir, Irene and her newborn child Alejandra

Expecting Mothers: Savannah, Libby, Emma

Catechumens: Andrew, Mary Ann, Ally, Andrew Jr, Noah, Luke, Dusty, Evan, Nicole, Winry, Jeremiah, Dakota, Bridgette, Theodore, Zach, Asher, Audra, Victor, Charlie, Ethan, Nathan, Cullen, Kwasi, Saiah, James, Eliana, Austin, Kasey, Bently, Raelynn, Emma, Oakleigh, Bree, Tyler, Joseph, Chasity, Landin, Luke, Jesse, Nick, Melissa, Astrid, Freyja, Evan

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.

### Orthodox Did You Know?

Did you know that the Orthodox Church changes seasons too? Throughout the year, the Church shifts colors, hymns, incense, and musical tones to reflect the life of Christ. These changes guide us through His birth, ministry, death, and resurrection, helping us not just to remember His life, but to live it. The rhythm of the Church year invites us to walk with Christ day by day, season by season, until our hearts are renewed in Him.

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