



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

## Scripture Readings

### Galatians 1:11-19 (Epistle)

Brethren, I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

### Luke 16:19-31 (Gospel)

The Lord told this Parable: There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

## Saint of the Day:

### Holy, Glorious Demetrios the Myrrh-gusher of Thessaloniki

Saint Demetrios was born in Thessaloniki to noble parents who were secretly Christian during a time of persecution. After his father's death, Emperor Galerius appointed him proconsul, unaware of his faith. Instead of punishing Christians, Demetrios preached Christ openly, leading many to the Faith. When the Emperor discovered this, he imprisoned Demetrios, who blessed his disciple Nestor to face the Emperor's champion, Lyaeos. Nestor triumphed, and both he and Demetrios were executed around 306 AD.

Christians secretly buried Demetrios, and later his incorrupt relics began to flow with fragrant myrrh, earning him the title "the Myrrh-gusher." His relics remain in Thessaloniki, where he is venerated as the city's heavenly protector. Loved by both Greeks and Slavs, he became a symbol of courage and faith. His intercession was sought by Prince Demetrios of the Don before the Battle of Kulikovo, and in his honor the Church established Demetrios Memorial Saturday to remember fallen Orthodox soldiers. His feast day is October 26, when the faithful give thanks for his steadfast witness and heavenly help.

# OCTOBER 26TH, 2025 ST DEMETRIOS THE MYRRH-GUSHER

## 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 Collins
- 12th - Jaimie Collins
- 17th - Savannah Savasir
- 22nd - Rdr. Alex Vlachos

# SCHEDULE

Confessions Every Saturday Before (4:30 PM) and After Vespers or by Appointment.

October 29th - Wednesday  
Wednesday Evening Orthodox Study with Molieben (6:00 PM)

October 30th - Thursday  
Coffee Chat at Paddles (10:00 AM)

November 1st - Friday  
Great Vespers (5:00 PM)  
Saturday Night Questing (After Vespers)

November 2nd - Sunday  
Hours (9:00 AM)  
Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)  
Fall Fest (After Liturgy)  
No Church School or Adult Class

# WISDOM

"The rich man prayed, but in vain. For mercy must be sought while we are still in the body, where repentance is possible. After death there is judgment, not conversion."

- St. Augustine of Hippo (Sermon 113)

"Our life and our death are with our neighbor; if we gain our brother, we gain God."

- St. Anthony the Great (Sayings of the Desert Fathers)

# WEEKLY JOKES

One way to find out if you're old is to fall down in front of a group of people. If they laugh, you're young; if they panic, you're old.

I tapped my Uber driver on the shoulder and he screamed and swerved and nearly hit a tree. I said, "a little jumpy?" And he said, "sorry. It's my first day with Uber. I've been driving a hearse for 20 years."

# 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.”

**October Income Goal: \$11,910**  
**Weekly Goal for October: \$2,978**  
**October Collection: \$8,578**  
**Avg. October Collection: \$2,859**

We're just \$3,142 away from our October goal! If you haven't tithed yet, please give generously so we can meet this lofty goal. Full copy of our up-to-date budget and finances are 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/>

## The Heartbeat of Parish Life

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

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

Coffee Hour: <https://savannahorthodox.com/coffee-hour/> or see Mat. Lindsey to sign up.

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

Weekly Bible Studies: Classes on Wednesdays (6 PM) and Sundays (11:45 AM). All classes recorded and on all major podcast platforms. Catechumens are encouraged to attend Sunday Classes. Wednesday is optional.

Coffee Chat (NEW DAY): Every THURSDAY - 10 AM Paddles - 401 N Laurel St, Springfield, GA 31329.

Saturday Night Questing (Next Session November 15th): See David Reynolds (Cell: 706-224-2721) to learn more.

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

Mark your calendars! Next Sunday, November 2nd, 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!

### Baby Sprinkle for Savannah (November 9th)

On Sunday, November 9th, after Liturgy, we invite everyone to join us for a baby sprinkle in honor of Savannah and her 3rd baby boy. The ladies of the parish are preparing a small gift for her and the family has mentioned that diapers and wipes would be especially appreciated. Coffee hour will be potluck, so please bring something to share as we celebrate together.

### Parish Greeters Needed

We're looking for friendly faces to help welcome visitors and parishioners each Sunday! Greeters play an important role in making everyone feel at home in our parish family and helping us continue to grow. If you're interested in serving in this ministry, please see me for more information or to sign up.

### A Time for Prayer, Not Conversation

During the Divine Liturgy, let's keep the narthex a place of stillness and prayer, giving our hearts and minds fully to God. This sacred time is when heaven and earth meet, and our attention belongs first to Him. Fellowship and conversation can wait until coffee hour, where our joy in one another continues. And please don't worry about the little ones. Children's quiet chatter or movement is a natural part of our worship. Their presence reminds us that the Church is alive and growing, and their voices belong in the house of God.

### St. Demetrius Ministry: Protect Our Parish

In light of recent events in our society, the parish council voted and is asking that we form a parish security team dedicated to the safety and peace of our worship. We are asking for Volunteers with prior experience and who are already comfortable and proficient with firearms to sign up. Training will include how to respectfully and properly address any potential threats, violence, or disruptions that may occur at our church. Please also take the time to pray before considering being part of this ministry. We only want qualified participants. Speak with Dan Leger if you are interested in joining our team.

### St. Brigid's Basket Food Collection

We are renewing our parish food outreach to support Manna House Ministries as an expression of our call to serve others in Christ's name. Please bring Jiffy corn muffin mix (or any brand) and turkey gravy for their Thanksgiving food drive, or any non-perishable items to help local families in need. Acts of service like feeding the hungry are at the heart of Christian life. Thank you for helping fill St. Brigid's Basket in the Hall!

### St. Gabriel of Georgia Strength Club

As part of our mission to fill our lives with more Church-centered activities and help our community stay focused on Christ amid the world's distractions, another ministry we're forming is the St. Gabriel of Georgia Strength Club. This group offers free training advice for anyone interested in working out and getting stronger, with plans to form a strength team to represent our parish and Orthodoxy in local strength events. If you'd like to learn more or get involved, please see Josh Takacs.

## 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

Eleana, Georgia, Summer, Jill, Juniper

### 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, Dorothy, 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, Lansens, Helen, Nicholas, Irena, Pina, Andre, child Oliver, Laurie, Akira, Vic, Jodi, Charlee, Owen, Wendy, Vladimir, Kameron, Irene and her newborn child Alejandra, Karen, Melody, Guillermo, Suzanne, Debra

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, Caleb

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?

In Orthodox churches, young altar servers are affectionately called Papadákia, meaning "little priests." These boys assist the clergy in the Holy Altar, learning reverence, prayer, and service from a young age. Their humble duties, such as carrying candles, preparing incense, and helping during the Divine Liturgy, teach them to serve Christ with joy and obedience. May God bless our little priests, strengthen their faith, and help them grow into faithful servants of our Lord and His Holy Church!

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