



ST MARY MAGDALENE

ORTHODOX CHURCH IN RINCON/SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Scripture Readings

Galatians 6:11-18 (Epistle)

Brethren, see with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Luke 8:41-56 (Gospel)

At that time, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Saint of the Day:

Venerable Matrona, Abbess of Constantinople

Saint Matrona, Abbess of Constantinople, was born in Perge of Pamphylia in the fifth century and married to a wealthy man named Dometian. Though she lived in comfort, her heart longed for prayer and closeness to God. Spending her days in the temple, she learned from two pious women, Eugenia and Susanna, and began to live an ascetic life of fasting and repentance, which caused tension with her husband. After much prayer, God revealed to her in a dream that she should flee worldly life, so she left her family, disguised herself as a man, and entered the monastery of Saint Bassian as the monk "Babylos." When her true identity was revealed, she was sent to a women's monastery in Emesa, where she became abbess and was known for her holiness, wisdom, and miraculous healing. Later, learning that her husband sought her out, Saint Matrona fled again, this time to Jerusalem, Mount Sinai, and finally Beirut, where she lived in seclusion in an abandoned pagan temple. Her sanctity drew others to her, and she converted many pagans, eventually forming a new monastery there. After her husband's death, she returned to Constantinople and, with her spiritual father's blessing, founded a women's monastery known for its strict rule and deep piety. Having labored seventy-five years in monastic life, Saint Matrona reposed at the age of one hundred, having been granted a vision of the heavenly paradise prepared for her by the Lord.

NOVEMBER 9TH, 2025

VENERABLE MATRONA, ABBESS OF CONSTANTINOPLE

NOV Birthdays, Names Day, & Anniversaries

- 2nd - Josh (Gabriel) Takacs (Name's Day)
- 7th - Connor Clark
- 11th - Anastasia Collins
- 12th - Luke Shetler
- 21st - Nathan Corrales
- 24th - Oakleigh Carver
- 27th - Ray Givan

SCHEDULE

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

November 12th - Wednesday

Wednesday Evening Orthodox Study with Molioben (6:00 PM)

November 13th - Thursday

Coffee Chat at Paddles (10:00 AM)

November 15th - Saturday

Great Vespers (5:00 PM)

Saturday Night Questing (After Vespers)

November 16th - Sunday

Hours (9:00 AM)

Baptismal Liturgy (9:30 AM)

Church School (11:45 AM)

Adult Study Class (11:45 AM)

Parish Council (After Coffee Hour)

WISDOM

"When God became known to us in the flesh, He neither received the passions of human nature, nor did the Virgin Mary suffer pain, nor was the Holy Spirit diminished in any way, nor was the power of the Most High set aside in any manner, and all this was because all was accomplished by the Holy Spirit. thus the power of the Most High was not abased, and the child was born with no damage whatsoever to the mother's virginity."

- St. Gregory of Nyssa, *Against Eunomius*, Hom. II, PG 45, 492

WEEKLY JOKES

My first experience using an elevator was an uplifting experience. The second time let me down.

Nine months isn't really that long. But to some, it can feel like a maternity.

How do 39 mathematicians board a bus with only 38 seats? They carry the one.

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

Monthly Parish Financial Report (As of November 7th, 2025):

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

October Income Goal: \$11,910
October Collection: \$11,906
November Income Goal: \$14,910
November First Week Collection: \$3,925

Good start to the month. That said, let's keep that going so we can meet November's Goal as well (which has an extra weekend and with the holiday coming up, folks travel and we really want to make our goal). Full copy of our up-to-date finances are available here: <https://savannahorthodox.com/>

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: Every THURSDAY - 10 AM Paddles - 401 N Laurel St, Springfield, GA 31329.

Saturday Night Questing (Next Session November 29th): See David Reynolds (Cell: 706-224-2721) to learn more.

Young Adult Study/Catechism - On Orthodox Jurisdictions (Nov. 9th After Coffee Hour)

Due to Anthony being sick, the class I had intended to teach at the end of the month will be taught this weekend. I will be explaining why we have so many different Orthodox jurisdictions in America (GOARCH, ROCOR, AOCANA, OCA, etc...) and what that means for us. This is a class not to be missed (but it will be recorded of course...)

Parish Greeter Meeting (November 9th After Liturgy)

I would like to have a meeting with the folks I have spoken to about joining our greeter team after Liturgy. That said we are still looking for greeters if you are interested in joining this team, so you are more than welcome to also stay.

Baptism of Ozias Gabriel (November 16th)

Next Sunday we will be welcoming back Jordan and Sharrell as we celebrate the baptism of their little boy. What a joy it is to see their family return to the parish and to witness another precious soul being joined to Christ and His Church. Please keep them in your prayers this week as they prepare for this beautiful and grace-filled day.

Men's Bathroom Tile Project (November 28th & 29th)

On Friday and Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend at 9:00 AM, we'll be installing new tile in the men's bathroom. If you'd like to lend a hand, please see Tom Maty for details. All help is appreciated!

Saturday Night Dinners (Starts December 6th After Vespers)

After Vespers once a month, we are inviting everyone to join us for dinner at a random restaurant somewhere in the Rincon, Pooler, or maybe even downtown Savannah area. It will typically be the first Saturday of the month but that is subject to change throughout the year. Make sure you keep an eye on the schedule for this. The first one will be December 6th at The Tin Fin Restaurant in Rincon. We know the economy is tough right now and if you cannot afford to go, please see me and we will figure something out. Older parishioners who would like to attend but cannot drive late at night should also see me and we can arrange transportation to Vespers. We hope this to be an outreach not just for our young people but for everyone in our parish.

St. Gabriel of Georgia Strength Club (Starts December 6th @ 3:45 PM)

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, we're forming a new ministry called the St. Gabriel of Georgia Strength Club. This group offers free training advice for anyone interested in getting stronger, with plans to form a parish strength team to represent both our church and Orthodoxy in local strength events. Nate Hall will have a sign-up sheet available this Sunday at church. The group will meet before Vespers each week from 3:45 PM to 4:45 PM. If you want to participate, come early, set up, and lift. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or ability. It is a time for strength, fellowship, and faith. For more information, see Nate Hall or Josh Takacs.

Icon Order Sign-Up

Diakonissa Janice will soon be placing an order for new icons. If you would like to request a specific icon, such as your patron saint or a favorite feast, please let her know soon so it can be included in the order.

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!

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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

Sterling, Gloria, Eleana, Georgia, Summer

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, Larsen, Helen, Nicholas, Irena, Pina, Andre, child Oliver, Laurie, Akira, Vic, Jodi, Charlee, Owen, Wendy, Vladimir, Kameron, Karen, Melody, Guillermo, Suzanne, Debra, Autum, Torrey, Jessica, Johanna

Expecting Mothers: Mat. Lindsey, Savannah, Libby, Emma, Melissa

Military and First Responders: Rdr. Alex, Van, Nick, Tyler, Shannon, Landin, Austin, Chad, Vladimir, Andrew, Justin, Mark, Tammy, Nika, Laila, Josh, Kamaka (*Let Dn. Vassily or I know if we are missing anyone here*)

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, Tyler, Joseph, Chastity, Landin, Luke, Bree, Jesse, Nick, Melissa, Astrid, Freyja, Evan, Caleb, Devin, Kaden, Leo, Tyler, Shannon, Mark, Bronson, Emerson, Halston, Lily, Andrew

Prisoners: Stefan, 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 for all of those who are suffering in our community and in the world who are in need of prayers.

Orthodox Did You Know?

Did you know that the Nativity services begin with readings from the Old Testament that foretell the coming of Christ? These prophecies reveal that His birth was the fulfillment of God's plan announced through the Law and the Prophets. From Isaiah's vision of the Virgin to Micah's prophecy of Bethlehem, the Church proclaims that the long-awaited Messiah has come, and the Word has become flesh for our salvation.