



# ST MARY MAGDALENE

## ORTHODOX CHURCH IN RINCON/SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

### Scripture Readings

#### Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 (Epistle)

In those days, those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. Then news of these things came to the ears of the Church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the Church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

#### John 4:5-42 (Gospel)

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband. In this you spoke truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know. We know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming, who is called Christ. When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." At this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman, yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?" The woman then left her water pot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" Then they went out of the city and came to Him. In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. (CONTINUED)

MAY 10TH, 2026

## SAMARITAN WOMAN 5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

### MAY Birthdays, Names Day, & Anniversaries

- 2nd - Timothy Teeter
- 4th - Susan Ally (Name's Day)
- 5th - Alex Dita
- 6th - Jeff Bright
- 9th - Noah Rigato
- 12th - Renata Hares
- 17th - Jeanie Klezaras
- 18th - Chandler Blagburn
- 28th - Garrett and Meagan Clark
- 10th - Marcel and Carmen Magharia
- 26th - Jeremiah Williams
- 27th - Sam Nessim
- 28th - Jamie and Tammy Collins
- 28th - Ron and Kristin Somich
- 28th - Nick Hajduk
- 29th - Fr. Stephen and Mat. Lindsey
- 30th - Susan Ally
- 31st - Raelynn Carver

## SCHEDULE

May 14th - Thursday  
Coffee Chat at Paddles (401 N Laurel St, Springfield, GA 31329)  
(10:00 AM)

May 16th - Saturday  
Great Vespers (5:00 PM)

May 17th - Sunday  
Hours (9:00 AM)  
Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)  
Coffee Hour (After Liturgy)  
Church School (11:45 AM)  
Adult Class (11:45 AM)  
Parish Council (After Coffee Hour)

## WISDOM

"Such an one was this woman. For so kindled was she by His words, that she left her water pot and the purpose for which she came, ran into the city, and drew all the people to Jesus. 'Come,' she says, 'see a Man which told me all things that ever I did.' Observe her zeal and wisdom. She came to draw water, and when she had lighted upon the true Well, she after that despised the material one."

- St. John Chrysostom, Homily 34, on John

## WEEKLY JOKES

My neighbor introduced his wife to me as his "better half." I returned the courtesy and introduced my wife as the "lesser of two evils."

Decided to quit my job and travel the world until I run out of money! I should be home in time for dinner.

Can we just all agree that it's spelled "Wensday" now?

# CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Parish Financial Report (May 8th, 2026) | 2026 Goal/Budget: \$175,000

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

May 2026 Goal: \$16,575  
May 2026 Collections: \$2,069  
2026 Year to Date: \$64,358

Glory to God for everyone's continued generosity and faithfulness. After several strong weeks, giving was a little lower this past week, so we will need a stronger finish this month to meet our parish needs. Thank you to everyone who gives faithfully and helps support the worship, ministries, and daily life of our church family in Christ.

Full Report here: <https://savannahorthodox.com/reports/>

## Extra Expenses or Kitchen Needs:

Suzanne is price shopping supplies that we may need and will let everyone know soon. If anyone would like to help, please let her know.

In the meantime, she is asking if you are a coffee drinker, bring your own cup so we can save on having to buy cups. You can leave it in the shelf but you need to wash it.

## Give Securely Online:

You can give securely through our online donation portal. The platform may ask if you would like to leave a tip, but this is entirely optional. Our portal is set up so that we receive 100% of your intended donation.

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

## 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

Fr. Timothy, Fr. John, Dn. Andrei, Cindy, Dillion, Dylan, Kathleen, Annette, Carol, Jan, Elizabeth, Carlos, Anastasia, Gene, infant Santiago, all children killed through the evil act of abortion, and all the fallen soldiers who defend our nation.

### Living

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

Community: Mother Cassiana, Mat. Lindsey, Kelly, Tammy, Litsa, child Lilliana, George, Carl, Olga, Rita, child Ciana Rose, Jaimie, Ray, Polly, Pina, Vic, Jodi, Owen, Tyler, Tetta, Ashley, Aileen, Beth, Dewitt, Vinia, Greg, Carl, Kenny, Chastity, Boris, Harry, Maegan, Lara, Nicholas, Luna, Fletcher, Andrew, Terri, Kate, Ruth, Wanda, Luna, and especially all children suffering or in need throughout the world.

Expecting Mothers: Ori, Rachel, Hailey, Akira, Erin, Deanna, Cassidy, Geymi, Violetta, Darienne, Michaela, Kara, Noel

Military and First Responders: Rdr. Alex, Van, Nick, Tyler, Shannon, Landan, Austin, Chad, Vladimir, Andrew, Justin, Mark, Tammy, Nika, Laila, Josh, Kamaka (Olga), Lia, Russell, Evan

Catechumens: Audra, Austin, Kasey, Bently, Raelynn, Emma, Oakleigh, Tyler, Joseph, Nick, Melissa, Astrid, Freyja, Devin, Courtney, Kaden, Leo, Tyler, Shannon, Evan, Eric, Lia, Wyatt, Renata, Dawson, Katylin, James, Joshua, Kris, Ruth, Breanne, Samuel, Wyatt, Cody, Michaela, Anna, Corey, Aidan, Aaron, Tim, Anthony, Evan, Tristan, Kirsten, Jackson, Connor, Zen, Eleia, Carson, Christopher, Sarah, Chesney, Lily, Grayson, Frejya

Prisoners: Stefan, Daron (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.

### Latest Reflection:

#### Star Wars and the Battle With Passions

This week's "Almost Christian" reflection looks at Star Wars and the Orthodox teaching on the passions. The story gives us a vivid picture of how fear, anger, pride, and desire can pull the heart toward darkness, while also reminding us that repentance and mercy are never beyond reach.

Read More:

<https://savannahorthodox.com/star-wars-and-the-battle-with-passions/>

Please read and share this on your social media accounts.

## John 4:5-42 (Gospel Continued)

For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.' And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

## 5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Today we remember St. Photina, the Samaritan Woman who met Christ at Jacob's Well and came to know Him as the Savior. After this encounter, she became a bold witness to the Gospel, preaching Christ even during the persecution of Emperor Nero. Together with her sons, sisters, and fellow martyrs, St. Photina endured suffering rather than deny the Lord. Her life reminds us that one true encounter with Christ can transform a person from sinner to saint, from hearer to witness, and from fear to courage. Holy Martyr Photina and all the martyrs with her, pray to God for us!

*Troparion — Tone 3: Illumined by the Holy Spirit, / and refreshed by the streams of Christ the Savior, O all-praised one, / you drank the water of salvation and gave it abundantly to those who thirsted. / O Great Martyr and Equal of the Apostles Photini, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved.*

*Kontakion — Tone 8: The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; / she saw You, the Water of Wisdom, and drank abundantly / she inherited the Kingdom on High and is ever glorified!*

## Happy Mother's Day!

Today we give thanks to God for all the mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers, mother in laws, and women of our parish who bless our community with their love, prayers, service, and patience. We are especially grateful for our two Matushkas and our Diakonissa, who do so much for us, often quietly and behind the scenes. Thank you, ladies, for everything you do for our parish family. We probably do not deserve half of it, but you keep doing it anyway. May God grant all our mothers many years!

## The Heartbeat of Parish Life - Greeters: Josh, Heath | Next Week: Nate, Dr. Chastity

Sign Up to Serve: Serving the Church is one of the simplest and most meaningful ways to live out your faith in love. Please consider signing up for Maintenance and Projects, Weekly Church Clean Up, or Coffee Hour at <https://savannahorthodox.com/serve/> and help care for the house of God and our parish family.

Youth Church School: Sundays (~11:45 AM): Church School has split up into 2 groups. Ages 3 through 10 are with Jeanie and ages 11-17 will go with Dr. Christina.

Weekly Bible Studies: Sundays (~11:45 AM): All classes recorded and on all major podcast platforms. Catechumens are encouraged to attend the Sunday Class.

Tuesday Firepit Dinners: Coming back this Month. Stay Tuned!

Coffee Chat: THURSDAYS - 10 AM Paddles - 401 N Laurel St, Springfield, GA 31329.

Saturday Night Questing (Next Session May 23rd): See David Reynolds (706-224-2721) to join.

St. Gabriel Fitness Club: For now, we are pausing this ministry due to low participation as we explore new ways to create opportunities for fellowship and activity within our parish family. Stay tuned for what's next.

St. Ambrose Diaper and Baby Items Donations: The Donation bin has been relocated to the top of the refrigerator for the time being. We are working on setting up a permanent spot for these kinds of things.

## No Confession During This Season of Pascha

I have had a few people ask about confession during the Paschal season, especially those who were not able to come during Lent. The same guidance also applies to the newly baptized and chrismated. Unless there is a serious need, I would gently encourage everyone to wait until after Pentecost. Lent is the season especially given for repentance, self-examination, and confession, while Pascha and the days that follow are given to us so that we may rejoice in the Resurrection and learn to live in that joy. This does not mean repentance stops or confession is unimportant, but that the Church in Her wisdom gives us this holy season to stand in the light of the empty tomb and give thanks. So unless there is a serious pastoral need, let us keep the feast in peace and brightness. If you are unsure, please feel free to reach out to me.

## 3 Week Adult Chanting Class (June 14th, 21st, & 28th)

After Coffee Hour on June 14, June 21, and June 28, Dn. Vassily and Tammy will teach an adult class on learning the services and how to chant. This will be a helpful opportunity to better understand the structure of our services, the role of chanting in the worship of the Church, and how to participate more confidently and prayerfully. The class is open to anyone who would like to learn, but it is mandatory for all choir members. Please make plans to attend.

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