



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

JUNE 14TH, 2026

ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA  
2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Scripture Readings

### Romans 2:10-16 (Epistle)

Brethren, glory, honor, and peace are given to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. As many as have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law, for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified. For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things contained in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, showing the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts accusing or else excusing them, in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

### Matthew 4:18-23 (Gospel)

At that time, Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

## 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: All Saints of America

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. In the Orthodox Church in America, we remember the saints of North America, giving thanks for those who bore witness to Christ on this continent through holiness, missionary labor, confession, martyrdom, and quiet faithfulness. The saints are the living proof of God's promise to redeem fallen humanity, and their lives encourage us to "lay aside every weight" and to "run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). They show us that holiness is not abstract or distant, but something lived in real places, among real people, through sacrifice, endurance, humility, prayer, and love. The Orthodox mission in North America began in Alaska, where the first Divine Liturgy in what is now American territory was celebrated on July 20, 1741, the Feast of the Prophet Elias. Later, in 1794, monks from Valaam Monastery arrived on Kodiak Island after the longest missionary journey in Orthodox history. Among them was Saint Herman of Alaska, who became one of the most beloved saints of this land through his humility, compassion, and care for the native people. The faith planted here was watered by the blood of martyrs, including Saint Juvenal, the first Orthodox martyr in the New World, and Saint Peter the Aleut, who suffered rather than renounce the Orthodox faith. Missionary work continued through great shepherds such as Saint Innocent of Alaska and Saint Jacob Netsvetov, who translated services and teachings into native languages and labored patiently among the people. Later, Saint Alexis Toth helped lead many back to the Orthodox Church, while Saint Tikhon, the future Patriarch of Moscow, worked to strengthen the Church in America with a stable diocesan and parish life. We also remember Saint Raphael of Brooklyn, the first Orthodox bishop consecrated in North America, along with Saints John Kochurov and Alexander Hotovitzky, who served here before receiving the crown of martyrdom in Russia. In our own time, we give thanks for Matushka Olga of Alaska, whose life of prayer, motherhood, service, and compassion has become a sign of God's grace among the faithful of North America. Together with these known saints, we honor the countless holy men and women known only to God. As we remember them, we are reminded that holiness is not only something from the past. It is the calling of every Christian.

**Troparion - Tone 8 - As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation, / the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. / By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace / through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.**

**Kontakion - Tone 3 - Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America / now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. / With them the angels glorify Him, / and all the saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; / and together they all pray for us to the Pre-Eternal God.**

## JUNE Birthdays, Names Day, & Anniversaries

- 1st - Philip Savasir
- 4th - Dn. Vassily and Dia. Janice Kocher
- 4th - Tahir and Savannah Savasir
- 7th - Bobby Drevitson Jr.
- 7th - Ken Gimik
- 9th - Ethan Carter
- 12th - David Reynolds
- 12th - Mark and Maria Guyer
- 13th - Kristine Archambault
- 15th - Daisy Sarver
- 16th - Jerry Welsh
- 16th - Christopher and Sarah Aceves
- 18th - Kris Hughes
- 19th - Kayla Archambault
- 21st - Kristin Somich
- 22nd - Dia. Janice Kocher
- 26th - Josh Takacs
- 27th - Audra Mccullum
- 27th - Freyja Hajduk
- 28th - Michelle Reynolds
- 29th - Fr. Michael Matsko (Priesthood Anniversary)
- 30th - Van Roberts
- 30th - Sharrell Love
- 30th - Caleb Odum

## SCHEDULE

**June 18th - Thursday**  
Coffee Chat at Paddles (401 N Laurel St, Springfield, GA 31329)  
(10:00 AM)

**June 19th - Friday**  
Online Bible Study (6:30 PM) <https://savannahorthodox.com/zoom/>

**June 20th - Saturday**  
Great Vespers (5:00 PM)

**June 21st - Sunday**  
Hours (9:00 AM)  
Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)  
Coffee Hour (After Liturgy)  
Chanting Class (After Coffee Hour)

## WISDOM

Today marks the feast of all saints of North America, and our churches joyfully ring out with hymns in honor of this land's saints: Herman, Innocent, Tikhon, Alexis, Nikolai, Alexander, John, Yakov, Sebastian, Mardarius, Barnabas, Seraphim, Mat. Olga...Indeed, it would behoove us daily to beseech the supplications of these heroes of our American Church, asking for their aid in building up the Orthodox Church in America, our dioceses, our parishes. And we should also seek their prayers in our own lives, both in times of joy and sorrow: they are our loving fathers in the faith, and we should be the devoted children of our saints. - Metropolitan Tikhon

## WEEKLY JOKES

My daughter thinks she's so smart now that she's memorized  $\pi$  to an infinite number of decimal places and now I'm never gonna hear the end of it.

What do you call an injured Batman? Bruised Wayne.

# GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!

Parish Financial Report (June 5th, 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: \$15,704  
June 2026 Goal: \$13,420  
2026 Year to Date: \$80,311

With summer here, please try / keep up with your tithing / pledges so we may make our goal this month.

Full Report here: <https://savannahorthodox.com/reports/>  
Give Securely Online: <https://savannahorthodox.com/help-us-grow/>

**Greeters: June 14th: Anthony, Josh | June 21st: Anthony, Dr. Chastity | June 28th: Heath, Chandler**

**Coffee Hour Schedule: June 21st: Team Josh | June 28th: Team Maria | July 5th: BBQ Potluck**

**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 or Weekly Church Clean Up at <https://savannahorthodox.com/serve/> and help care for the house of God and our parish family.

**Youth Church School:** Off for the Summer. Classes Resume September 13th.

**Online Weekly Bible Studies:** Fridays at 6:30 PM at <https://savannahorthodox.com/zoom/>. All classes recorded and posted on all major podcast platforms. Catechumens are encouraged to attend the Class.

**Coffee Chat:** Thursdays at 10 AM at Paddles (401 N Laurel St, Springfield, GA 31329)

**Saturday Night Questing:** On Hold Until September – Summer Break.

**St. Bridget Ministry (Narthex):** This is a food ministry for our community. Items needed for donation to local food pantry includes any canned goods, including peanut butter. This is a good time to clean out your pantry, and restock! We are also looking for volunteers to deliver food to God’s Mission House this summer. Please see Ruth: (814) 227-7632

**St. Ambrose Ministry (Narthex):** This is a ministry for babies is also in the narthex; please donate, it can include open packages of diapers. Anything helps. Please see the shelves in the back of the narthex, if in need or to donate!

**St. Timothy’s Young Adult’s Group:** A new Young Adult Group has started at the parish for activities, fellowship, discussion, and staying connected. Catechumens in the young adult age range are also welcome. Anyone interested should see Anastasia Collins.

**OCF at GSU:** In association with St. Timothy’s Young Adult Group, we are working to start the OCF group at GSU. This will give our college students another opportunity for fellowship and growth in the Church. Anyone interested should speak with Rdr. Ron or Kristin Somich.

## Parish Library Inventory and Book Return

If you have checked out or borrowed a book from the parish library, please return it to the church. We are currently redoing the library and would like to get a full inventory of what we have. We are happy to lend books out again, but first we need to know what is currently in the collection. Please see Dn. Vassily if you have any questions.

## A Gentle Reminder: Food and Drink in the Church

Please remember that food and drinks should remain in the parish hall and not be brought into the church. This applies during Divine Liturgy, other services, and Adult Class. Plates of food, coffee, soda, and other drinks should be finished in the hall before entering the church. The only exception is water for the clergy and choir during services. This is not meant to single anyone out, but to preserve the church as a sacred space set apart for prayer, worship, and teaching. Thank you for helping us care for the church with reverence and love.

## Another Gentle Reminder: The Children during the Gospel and Sermon

During the Gospel reading, the children should come forward and sit behind Dn. Vassily, and they should remain there through the sermon. This helps them listen, stay engaged, and learn that the Gospel and sermon are important parts of the Divine Liturgy for them too. Please also make sure one of the children has the collection bowl with them so it is ready at the proper time. Thank you for helping us teach our children to participate in the life of the Church with reverence and joy.

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

After Coffee Hour starting this week and will continue on June 21st and June 28th, 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.

## 4th of July Weekend BBQ Potluck (July 5th)

On Sunday, July 5th, we will have an Independence Day BBQ Potluck for Coffee Hour. There will be no Coffee Hour teams assigned that day, so everyone is invited to bring a favorite Fourth of July BBQ dish to share. So far, only one person has signed up, so we still need more help to make this happen. We need at least 4 meats, 4 sides, and 4 desserts, along with volunteers to help clean up afterward and someone to make coffee that day. This is not a competition, just a fun parish potluck and a chance to enjoy time together. Please sign up on our website and let us know what you plan to bring or how you can help: <https://savannahorthodox.com/events/bbq-potluck/>. Please remember that if you bring food, you are responsible for serving that food. This will not be a free-for-all setup. You bring it, you serve it. There will also be a water slide set up on the lawn by the hall, so families are welcome to plan accordingly.

## 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

George, Jerry, Larry, Aaron, Betty, Cindy, Carol, Jan, Elizabeth, Carlos, Anastasia, 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, Bp. Gerasim, Met. Isaiah, Fr. Matthew, Fr. Michael, Fr. Stephen, Dn. Vassily

Community: Mother Cassiana, Tammy, Litsa, child Lilliana, Jonas, Carl, Olga, Rita, Rena, child Ciana Rose, Jaimie, Ray, Polly, Pina, Vic, Jodi, Owen, Tyler, Attiat, Ashley, Aileen, Beth, Dewitt, Vinia, Greg, Carl, Kenny, Chastity, Boris, Harry, Maegan, Lara, Nicholas, Vicki, Carlisle, Kathy, Gavin, Sam, Wesley, Lily, Holly, Barry, Jerry (Gerasimos), Dale, Marvin, Jerome, Ayu, and especially all children suffering or in need throughout the world.

Expecting Mothers: Meagan, Ori, Rachel, 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, Freyja, Zachary, Chandler, Angelina, Sidney, Billy, Tom, Kayla, Henry, Kristine

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:

### You Raise Me Up Mon

In this week’s “Almost Christian” article, we look at Josh Groban’s “You Raise Me Up” through the lens of Orthodox Christianity. The song is not an Orthodox hymn, but it beautifully touches themes of weakness, grace, gratitude, and the longing to be lifted by love greater than ourselves. It reminds us that beauty can stir the heart, but the fullness of healing is found in the life of the Church.

<https://savannahorthodox.com/the-prince-of-egypt-and-the-god-who-hears/>

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