

St. Mary and St. Mina Coptic Orthodox Church, Syracuse, NY
Church Schedule for the week of
December 11, 2023

A most blessed start of the Advent Fast to you all! May our Loving Lord help us prepare a dwelling place for Him in our hearts!!!

Please find below the schedule of services for our Church for the week of 12/11/2023 Lord willing. You may also check the Church's calendar by clicking on the following link to the Church's website.

<https://stmarystminacopticchurch.org/liturgy-schedule>

A copy of this e-mail can also be accessed via our church's website at:

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- Monday, Dec 11** (Pope Youannes III, the 40th Pope, Pope Athanasius III, the 76th Pope, St. Peter El-Rahawy the Bishop of Gaza, the consecration of the Church of St. Abe-Fam the Soldier in Abnub, and of the church of St. Shenouda the Archmandrite)
- 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm** ***Prayer Meeting***
([click here to join WebEx Meeting](#))
Access Code: 149-809-385
- Tuesday, Dec 12** (St. Abba Hor the Monk and St. Hermina the Anchorite)
- 7:00 am – 9:00 am** ***Divine Liturgy***
([Live-streamed on the church's YouTube Channel](#))
- 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm** ***Prayer Meeting***
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- Wednesday, Dec 13** (The Entrance of Virgin Mary into the Temple and Martyrdom of St. Bestavros the New Martyr)
- 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm** ***Prayer Meeting***
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Thursday, Dec 14 (St. Andrew the Apostle, the consecration of the church of St. John El-Heraquy and the translocation of the bodies of Anba Bishoy and Anba Paula)

9:00 pm – 10:00 pm **Prayer Meeting**
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Friday, Dec 15 (Nuhum the Prophet, Martyrdom of St. Victor of Assiut, and of St. Isidore)

9:00 am – 11:00 am **Divine Liturgy – St. Joachim and St. Anna Family Monthly Meeting**
([Live-streamed on the church's YouTube Channel](#))

11:00 am – 12:00 pm **Breakfast**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Bible Reading and Discussion**

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Fellowship for St. Joachim and St. Anna Family**

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm **High School Meeting**

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm **Middle School Meeting**

Saturday, Dec 16 (Pope Abraam Ebn-Zaraa, the 62nd Pope, and Martyrdom of St. Patlus the Presbyter)

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Arabic Bible Study**
([click here to join WebEx Meeting](#))
Access Code: 149-809-385

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm **Online Hymns Class for Elementary School Group**
([click here to join via WebEx](#))
Access Code: 149-809-285

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm **Online Hymns Class for Middle and High School**
([click here to join via WebEx](#))
Access Code: 149-809-285

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm **Vespers**
([Live-streamed on the church's YouTube Channel](#))

- 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm** **Kiahk Praises**
[\(Live-streamed on the church's YouTube Channel\)](#)
- Sunday, Dec 17 (St. Mettaos El-Fakhoury, Martyrdom of Sts. Banina and Banawa, the consecration of the church of St. Abba-Skhyroon of Qalin, and the Departure of St. John Bishop of Armant, and Martyrdom of the distinguished Coptic Engineer Sa-eed Ebn Kateb El-Faraghany)
- 8:30 am – 11:30 am** **Divine Liturgy and the Anointing of the Relics of St. Abba-Skhyroon and Abouna Yustus El-Antouni**
[\(Live-streamed on the church's YouTube Channel\)](#)
- 12:15 pm – 1:00 pm** **Sunday School**
- 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm** **Servants Meeting**
 join via WebEX
[\(click here to join via WebEx\)](#)
 Access Code: 149-809-285
- 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm** **Prayer Meeting**
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Please Mark Your Calendars!

- **Divine Liturgies during the Nativity Fast:** With the beginning of the Nativity Fast, the church will be adding **one more weekly liturgy on Friday evenings from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm**, starting this Friday Lord willing. May God accept your prayers and fasting and bless you with every blessing.
- **New Year's Eve and Day Celebration with His Grace Anba David, December 31, 2023 and January 1, 2024:** Lord willing, this year our church will be blessed by **the presence of His Grace Anba David amongst us to celebrate the New Year.** There will be a program for **New Year's Eve at church (Sunday, December 31st night), and His Grace will also celebrate with us the Divine Liturgy on Monday morning, January 1st, Lord willing.** [Click here for the program and the schedule.](#)
- **St. Joachim and Anna Fellowship next meeting on Friday, December 15, 2023:** Lord willing, our next monthly gathering of **St. Joachim and Anna Fellowship will be on Friday, December 15, 2023.** The day will start with a **Divine Liturgy** (in Arabic) from **9:00 am to 11:00 am**, followed by **breakfast** at church, **Bible reading and discussion**, and **fellowship time**. All are invited to attend !

- **Spiritual Day for Upper Middle, High School and College Youth with Abouna Anastasi St. Anthony at St. Mark, Rochester on Saturday, January 27, 2024:** **Lord willing, our beloved Abouna Anastasi St. Anthony will be holding a spiritual day** for upper middle, high school, and college youth at **St. Mark's church in Rochester on Saturday, January 27, 2024, Lord willing.** We plan to join the day to get the blessings of St. Mark, Abouna Anastasi and Abouna David. We will share the day's schedule shortly Lord willing.
- **Middle, High School and College Retreat at Tivaki Retreats and St. Mary and Pope Kyrillos the Sixth Monastery on Friday & Saturday, March 29 & 30, 2024:** Lord willing, our church is planning **a middle, high school and college retreat** at our beloved Diocese's **Tivaki retreat center** and **St. Mary and Pope Kyrillos VI monastery** on **Friday and Saturday, March 29 & 30 Lord willing. Families are most welcome to join us as well.** More details about retreat fees and schedule will follow shortly Lord willing.
- **Trip to Sight & Sound Theaters on May 18, 2024:** Lord willing, we are organizing a trip to **Sight & Sound Theaters in Lancaster, PA on Saturday, May 18, 2024, to watch Daniel.** If interested, please **contact our dear brother Youssef Boles** for details and to make the reservation. The deadline for registering with Youssef is **Sunday, December 17, Lord willing.**
- **His Grace Anba David Visits to our church in 2024:** In addition to His Grace's presence with us on New Year's Eve and Day mentioned above, **HG will be blessing our church on the following dates in 2024:**
 - **During Holy Week in the evening of Monday, April 29 Lord willing,** to pray with us the Pascha of Tuesday Eve
 - **On Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13 Lord willing,** for His Grace's 2024 Annual Visit
- **Monthly Prayer and Family Meeting on the Last Friday of the Month:** The church has started a monthly prayer/family meeting on the **last Friday of each month.** The meeting will be from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm and will include prayer, spiritual songs, and a discussion on issues important to parenting and family life. **Our upcoming meeting is Friday, December 29, Lord willing.**
- **Weekly Arabic Bible Study back on Saturdays at 3:00 pm:** We are moving the weekly bible study back to **Saturdays at 3:00 pm Lord willing.**
- **Hymns Class on Saturdays:** Our hymns class is now being held on Saturdays, Lord willing, **from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm.**
- **Confessions for Sunday School:** To allow our children to experience the blessings of the **sacrament of confession,** we are dedicating each Sunday for the confession of a given Sunday School class. This Sunday Lord willing, is dedicated for **High School.**

May God bless every service done for the Glory of His Holy Name Amen !
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