

St. Mary and St. Mina Coptic Orthodox Church, Syracuse, NY
Church Schedule for the week of
December 18, 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 12/18/2023 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 18** (Martyrdom of St. Esi and his sister Thecla, of St. Barbara and Juliana, Departure of Anba Samuel the Confessor, St. Heraclas, the 13th Pope, and of Abouna Yusus El-Antouni)
- 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm** **Prayer Meeting**
([click here to join WebEx Meeting](#))
Access Code: 149-809-385
- Tuesday, Dec 19** (St. Poemen the Confessor)
- 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 20** (St. Nicholas the Bishop of Myra, Martyrdom of St. Shura of Akhmeem, and the relocation of the body of St. Severus of Antioch to ElZogag Monastery)
- 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm** **Prayer Meeting**
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- Thursday, Dec 21** (Anba Pijmi, the Anchorite, Martyrdom of St. Abtelmaos, and the commemoration of the church of St. Ekladius)

- 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm** **Prayer Meeting**
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- Friday, Dec 22 (Archangel Michael, St. Hedra Bishop of Aswan, and St. John the Confessor)
- 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm** **Evening Divine Liturgy for the Fast of Nativity**
([Live-streamed on the church's YouTube Channel](#))
- 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm** **High School Meeting**
- 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm** **Middle School Meeting**
- Saturday, Dec 23 (Commemoration of the Honorable Archangel Raphael, Martyrdom of St. Barsanuphius the monk, Departure of Pope Marcus VIII, the 108th Pope, St. Aprakius, St. Elias the Anchorite, and the consecration of the church of St. Misael the Anchorite)
- 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 24 (Martyrdom of Mari Behnam and Sarah, of St. Ammonius Bishop of Esna, of Saints Simeon of Menouf, Abba Hor, and

Abba Mina the Elder, Departure of Pope Christodoulos, the 66th Pope, and of St. Christodoulos the Anachorite)

8:30 am – 11:30 am **Divine Liturgy**
([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
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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, January 26, 2023:** Lord willing, our next monthly gathering of **St. Joachim and Anna Fellowship will be on Friday, January 26, 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. We now have two classes, one for KG and elementary school **from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm,** and one for middle and high school **from 6:30 pm to 7:00 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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