

St. Mary and St. Mina Coptic Orthodox Church, Syracuse, NY
Church Schedule for the week of
December 19, 2022

A most blessed Nativity Fast and Kiahk Season to you all !

Please find below the schedule of services for our Church for the week of 12/19/2022 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:

<https://stmarystminacopticchurch.org/weekly-church-schedule>

Monday, Dec 19 (St. Nicholas Bishop of Myra, Martyrdom of St. Shura of Akhmeem, and the relocation of the body of St. Severus the Patriarch of Antioch)

9:00 pm – 10:00 pm **Prayer Meeting**
([click here to join WebEx Meeting](#))
Access Code: 149-809-385

Tuesday, Dec 20 (Anba Pijimi the Anchorite, Martyrdom of St. Abtelmaos of Denderah, and the consecration of the Church of St. Ekladius)

8:00 am – 10:00 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 21 (Archangel Michael, St. Hedra the Bishop of Aswan, and St. John the Confessor)

9:00 pm – 10:00 pm **Prayer Meeting**
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Thursday, Dec 22 (Archangel Raphael, Martyrdom of St. Barsanuphius the Monk, Poep Mark VIII, the 108th Pope, and St. Aprakius)

9:00 pm – 10:00 pm **Prayer Meeting**

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Friday, Dec 23

(Martyrdom of Mari Behnam and Sarah his sister, of St. Ammonius the Bishop of Esna, of St. Simeon of Menouf, Abba Hour, and Abba Mina the Elder, and the Departure of Pope Christodoulos, the 66th Pope)

3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Evening Divine Liturgy for the Nativity Fast

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

In-person Elementary School Service

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

In-person High School Meeting

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

In-person Middle School Meeting

Saturday, Dec 24

(St Gregory the Armenian, St. Lucas the Stylite, and St. Anba Ezekiel of Armunt)

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Arabic Bible Study

[\(click here to join WebEx\)](#)

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6:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Vespers at church

[\(live-streamed on the church's Youtube Channel\)](#)

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Kiahk Praises

[\(live-streamed on the church's Youtube Channel\)](#)

Sunday, Dec 25

(St. Poemen the Confessor)

8:30 am – 11:30 pm

Divine Liturgy

[\(live-streamed on the church's Youtube Channel\)](#)

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm

Sunday School

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

In-person Hymns Class

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Servants Meeting

join via WebEX

[\(click here to join via WebEx\)](#)

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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.
- ***Planned Activities for the Youth and Sunday School during the Month of December and the Christmas Break Lord willing:***
 - ***Sunday, December 25: St. Nicholas the Bishop of Myra (Santa)*** will our church on Sunday, December 25, Lord willing after the Divine Liturgy ***to give out gifts to St. Mary & St. Mina children and youth.***
 - ***Monday, December 26:*** Pending appropriate weather, the church is planning a ***snow tubing fun activity for Sunday School on Monday, December 26 Lord willing at Four Seasons.*** We will confirm once we have a better idea about snow availability and weather conditions Lord willing.
 - ***Thursday & Friday, December 29 and 30:*** Lord willing, we are planning to have ***a two-day (one night) mini-retreat for Middle & High School*** on Thursday and Friday, December 29 and 30, Lord willing. [Click here for Retreat Flyer and Schedule.](#)
 - ***Saturday, December 31:*** As part of our church's celebration of the New Year, Sunday School will organize ***fun activities for our kids on New Year's Eve Lord willing.***
- ***Monthly Prayer and Family Meeting on the Last Friday of the Month:*** With the beginning of the new Coptic Year, the church plans to start a monthly prayer/family meeting on the ***last Friday of each month.*** The meeting will be from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm and will include prayer, spiritual songs, and a discussion on issues important to parenting and family life. ***Our next meeting will be Friday, January 27, 2022 Lord willing.***
- ***Weekly Arabic Bible Study on WebEx:*** During the time period when our dear brother Motaz will be in Florida, we will be switching the weekly Arabic Bible Study to online mode (hosted at the Church WebEx) on ***Saturdays at 3:00 pm Lord willing.***
- ***In-person Hymns Class on Sundays:*** Our hymns class is now being held on Sundays, Lord willing, ***from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm.***
- ***Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Egypt Trip on June 26 – July 10, 2023:*** Our church is starting the planning process for a ***joint Coptic/Armenian Pilgrimage to***

the Holy Land, coupled with a short visit to Egypt between June 26 and July 10, 2023 (next year) Lord willing. [Please click here for Pilgrimage flyer, itinerary, application form, and a nice overview presentation.](#)

- **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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