

St. Mary and St. Mina Coptic Orthodox Church, Syracuse, NY
Church Schedule for the week of
December 25, 2023

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May our Loving Lord crown the new year with His Goodness and fill all your days with His love, peace and joy Amen!

Please find below the schedule of services for our Church for the week of 12/25/2023 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 25 | (St. Gregory the Armenian, St. Lucas the Stylite, and Anba Ezekiel of Armunt) |
| 8:30 am – 11:00 am | Divine Liturgy – Christmas Day
(Live-streamed on the church's YouTube Channel) |
| Tuesday, Dec 16 | (Gideon, one of the judges of Israel, Martyrdom of St. Harouadj, Ananias and Khouzi, of St. Eulogius and Arsenius, Patron Sts. of El-Hadid monastery in Akhmeem, of Amsah El-Quify, and the consecration of the church of. James the Persina) |
| 7:00 am – 9:00 am | Divine Liturgy
(Live-streamed on the church's YouTube Channel) |
| 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm | Prayer Meeting
(click here to join WebEx Meeting)
Access Code: 149-809-385 |
| Wednesday, Dec 27 | (Relocation of the body of St. Luke the Stylite and Departure of St. Elias of the Bash-waw Mount) |
| 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm | Prayer Meeting
(click here to join WebEx Meeting)
Access Code: 149-809-385 |

- Thursday, Dec 28 (Relocation of the relics of St. Titus to Constantinople, and Martyrdom of St. Heracleas and St. Philemon the Priest)
9:00 pm – 10:00 pm **Prayer Meeting**
([click here to join WebEx Meeting](#))
Access Code: 149-809-385
- Friday, Dec 29 (Pope Gabriel VI, the 91st Pope, and Anbda John, Bishop of Berollos who gathered the biographies of the saints in the Synaxarium)
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**
- 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm** **Monthly Prayer and Family Meeting**
- Saturday, Dec 30 (Haggai the Prophet and Martyrdom of Anba Elias, Bishop of El-Moharraq Monastery and El-Kosiah)
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 31 (Virgin Mary and the Martyrdom of St. Barnabas, one of the seventy Apostles)
8:30 am – 11:30 am **Divine Liturgy**
([Live-streamed on the church's YouTube Channel](#))
- 11:30 am – 12:30 am** **Children Choir Practice**

5:30 pm – 8:30 pm **Kiahk Praises with His Grace Bishop David**
[\(Live-streamed on the church's YouTube Channel\)](#)

8:30 pm – 9:00 pm **Children Choir Presentation**

9:00 pm – 10:30 pm **Dinner and Fellowship**
[\(Live-streamed on the church's YouTube Channel\)](#)

10:30 pm – 11:00 pm **Adult Choir Presentation**

11:00 pm – 11:30 pm **His Grace's Spiritual Word for the New Year**

11:30 pm – 12:00 pm **Prayer for the New Year**

Monday, January 1 (Archangel Gabriel, Martyrdom of St. Pachom and Dulusham
his sister, and Departure of Pope Anastasiois, the 36th Pope)

9:00 am – 11:30 am **Divine Liturgy with His Grace Bishop David**

11:30 am – 12:30 pm **Fellowship Meal**

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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