

**St. Mary and St. Mina Coptic Orthodox Church, Syracuse, NY**  
**Church Schedule for the week of**  
**December 26, 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 12/26/2022 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:

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- Monday, Dec 26** (The relocation of the body of St. Luke the Stylite and the departure of St. Elias of Mount Bash-waw)  
**1:30 pm – 3:30 pm** **Snow Tubing at [Four Seasons Golf and Ski Center](#)**  
**[8012 E Genesee St, Fayetteville, NY 13066](#)**
- 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm** **Prayer Meeting**  
([click here to join WebEx Meeting](#))  
Access Code: 149-809-385
- Tuesday, Dec 27** (The relocation of the relics of St. Titus to Constantinople and Martyrdom of St. Heracleas and St. Philemon the Priest)  
**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 28** (Pope Gabriel VI, the 91<sup>st</sup> Pope, and Anba John the Bishop of Berollos who gathered the biographies of the saint recorded in the Synaxarium)  
**9:00 pm – 10:00 pm** **Prayer Meeting**  
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- Thursday, Dec 29 (Haggai the Prophet and Martyrdom of Anba Elias the Bishop of El-Moharraq Monastery and El-Kosiah)  
**9:00 am -** **Meet at Church for Youth Retreat in Buffalo**  
[Click here for Retreat Flyer and Schedule](#)
- Friday, Dec 30 (Virgin Mary and Martyrdom of St. Barnabas the Apostle)  
**Second Day of Youth Retreat in Buffalo**  
[Click here for Retreat Flyer and Schedule](#)
- 10 pm** **Expected Arrival at Church from Buffalo Retreat Lord willing**
- Saturday, Dec 31 (Archangel Gabriel the Announcer, Martyrdom of St. Pakhom and Dalusham his sister, and Pope Anastasius, the 36<sup>th</sup> Pope)  
**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 – 10:00 pm** **Kiahk Praises**  
[\(live-streamed on the church's Youtube Channel\)](#)
- 10:00 pm – 11:00 pm** **Fellowship Meal at Church**
- 11:00 pm – 12:00 pm** **New Year's Spiritual Theme Presentation and Prayer**
- Sunday, January 1 (David the Prophet and King, and St Timothy the Anachorite)  
**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  
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### **Please Mark Your Calendars!**

- **Planned Activities for the Youth and Sunday School during the Month of December and the Christmas Break Lord willing:**
  - **Monday, December 26:** The church is planning a **snow tubing fun activity for Sunday School on Monday, December 26 Lord willing at [Four Seasons](#)**. We will meet Lord willing at 1:30 pm there for a 2-hour snow tubing activity. [Click here for directions](#).
  - **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. The church-subsidized cost is \$60/person, in order to encourage our youth participation. [Click here for Retreat Flyer and Schedule](#).
- **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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