

**St. Mary and St. Mina Coptic Orthodox Church, Syracuse, NY**  
**Church Schedule for the week of**  
**December 4, 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 12/04/2023 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 4** (Commemoration of the twenty-four presbyters, Martyrdom of Bishop Narcees and St. Thecla, and Departure of St. Proclus, Patriarch of Constantinople)
- 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm** **Prayer Meeting**  
([click here to join WebEx Meeting](#))  
Access Code: 149-809-385
- Tuesday, Dec 5** (Martyrdom of St. Philopateer Mercurius Abu-Seifen)
- 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](#))  
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- Wednesday, Dec 6** (Martyrdom of Sts. Valerian and Tiburtius and Departure of St. Gregory the Bishop of Nyssa)
- 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm** **Prayer Meeting**  
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- Thursday, Dec 7** (Martyrdom of St. James the Persian and the consecration of the church of St. Victor the son of Romanus)
- 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm** **Prayer Meeting**

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Friday, Dec 8

**3:00 pm – 5:30 pm**

(Martyrdom of St. Sarapamon, Bishop of Nika)

**Evening Divine Liturgy for the Nativity Fast**

[\(Live-streamed on the church's YouTube Channel\)](#)

**7:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

**High School Meeting**

**7:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

**Middle School Meeting**

Saturday, Dec 9

(The commemoration of the three major feasts of the Lord, Martyrdom of St. Peter the seal of the martyrs, the 17<sup>th</sup> Pope, of St. Clement, Pope of Rome, and of St. Catherine of Alexandria)

**9:00 am – 12:00 am**

**Sunday School Sponsored Lunch at [Samaritan Center](#)  
[215 N State St, Syracuse, NY 13203,](#)**

**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 10

**8:30 am – 11:30 am**

(St. Cornelius, and consecration of St. Marina's church)

**Divine Liturgy**

[\(Live-streamed on the church's YouTube Channel\)](#)

- 12:15 pm – 1:00 pm      Sunday School**
- 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm      Fun Activity for Elementary Sunday School Classes**
- 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**  
[\(click here to join WebEx Meeting\)](#)  
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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.
- **Sunday School sponsored Lunch at Samaritan Center on Saturday, December 9, 2023** Lord willing, Sunday School will be sponsoring lunch at [Samaritan Center](#) on **Saturday, December 9, Lord willing**. Sandwiches will be prepared at the Center located at [215 N State St, Syracuse, NY 13203](#), from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Lord willing.
- **Fun Activity for Pre-K, KG and Elementary Sunday School on Sunday, December 10, 2023:** Lord willing, the church is planning a fun activity for Sunday School KG and elementary (Pre-K – grade 4) on **Sunday, December 10, 2023**, following the Divine Liturgy and Sunday School.
- **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 31<sup>st</sup> night), and His Grace will also celebrate with us the Divine Liturgy on Monday morning, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 !

- **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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