

St. Mary and St. Mina Coptic Orthodox Church, Syracuse, NY
Church Schedule for the week of
December 5, 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 12/05/2022 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 5 (Martyrdom of Sts. Valerian and Tiburtius and Departure of St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa)

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

Tuesday, Dec 6 (Martyrdom of St. James the Persian and Consecration of the church of St. Victor Ebn-Romanus)

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 7 (Martyrdom of St. Sarapamon, Bishop of Niku)

9:00 pm – 10:00 pm **Prayer Meeting**
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Thursday, Dec 8 (Commemoration of the Three major feasts of the Lord, Martyrdom of St. Peter the Seal of the Martyrs, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and St. Clement, Pope of Rome)

9:00 pm – 10:00 pm **Prayer Meeting**
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- Friday, Dec 9 (Martyrdom of St. Macarius, the Monk St. John El-Qalyuby, Consecration of the church of St. Cosmas and Damian, and the Departure of St. Acacius, Patriarch of Constantinople)
- 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 10 (Pope Youannes III, the 40th Pope, Pope Athanasius III, the 76th Pope, St. Peter El-Rehawy, Bishop of Gaza, Consecration of the church of Abe-Fam the Soldier in the city of Abnub, and the church of Anba Shenouda the Archimandrite)
- 9:00 am – 11:00 am** ***Binghamton Monthly Divine Liturgy***
[St Gregory Armenian Church of Binghamton](#)
[12 Corbett Avenue, Binghamton, NY 13903](#)
- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm** ***Sunday-School Sponsored Lunch Preparation at Samaritan Center***
[215 N State St, Syracuse, NY 13203](#)
- 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm** ***Arabic Bible Study***
([click here to join WebEx](#))
Access Code: 149-809-285
- 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm** ***Table Tennis and Nintendo Switch Tournament for Youth***
- 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm** ***Vespers at church***
([live-streamed on the church's Youtube Channel](#))
- 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm** ***Kiahk Praises***
([live-streamed on the church's Youtube Channel](#))
- Sunday, Dec 11 (St. Abba Hor the Monk and St. Abba Hermina the Anchorite)
- 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

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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.
- **Sunday School sponsored Lunch at Samaritan Center on Saturday, December 10, 2022:** Lord willing, Sunday School will be sponsoring lunch at [Samaritan Center](#) on **Saturday, December 10, 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.
- **Planned Activities for the Youth and Sunday School during the Month of December and the Christmas Break Lord willing:**
 - **Saturday, December 10:** Lord willing, the church will organize a **Table Tennis and Nintendo Switch tournament** on Saturday, December 10, for Middle and High School starting **at 4:00 pm**. After the tournament, the youth will have **dinner, and then participate in vespers and Kiahk praises**.
 - **Saturday, December 17:** Lord willing, the church will organize a **Bake Day** on Saturday, December 17, starting **at 2:00 pm**. This will be followed by **dinner, vespers and Kiahk praises**.
 - **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. We will confirm later 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. We will confirm and provide more details later Lord willing.
 - **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.** We are letting you know early so that you can plan accordingly. More details to follow as soon as they are available.
 - **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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