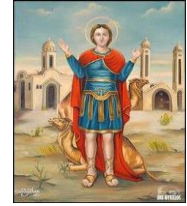




**St. Mary and St. Mina Coptic Orthodox Church,  
Syracuse, NY**

## **Church Schedule for the week of December 23, 2019**



A blessed Fast of the Nativity to all! Please find below the schedule of services for our Church for the week of 12/23/19 Lord willing. You may also check the Church's calendar by clicking on the following link to the Church's web site.

[http://stmarystminacopticchurch.org/monthly\\_calendar.html](http://stmarystminacopticchurch.org/monthly_calendar.html)

A copy of this e-mail can also be accessed via our church's website at:

[http://stmarystminacopticchurch.org/weekly\\_church\\_schedule.html](http://stmarystminacopticchurch.org/weekly_church_schedule.html)

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| <p><b>Tuesday, December 24</b><br/>8:00 am – 10:00 am<br/><b>10:00 am – 10:30 am</b><br/><b>11:00 am – 2:00 pm</b></p>             | <p>(Mar Behnam &amp; Sara his siter; Anba Ammonious of Esna)<br/>Divine Liturgy<br/><b>Breakfast at church</b><br/><b>Ice Skating at <a href="#">Sunny-Crest Ice rink</a></b></p>   |
| <p><b>Wednesday, Dec. 25</b><br/><b>9:00 am – 11:00 am</b></p>   | <p>(St. Gregory the Arrmenian)<br/><b>Divine Liturgy</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Thursday, December 26</b><br/><b>1:30 pm</b><br/><b>2:30 pm – 5:00 pm</b></p>  | <p>(St. James the Mangled &amp; St. Lucia of Syracuse)<br/><b>Meet at Church to go to Samaritan Center Soup Kitchen</b><br/><b>Soup Kitchen at <a href="#">Samaritan Center</a></b></p>   |
| <p><b>Friday, December 27</b><br/><b>3:00 pm – 5:30 pm</b></p>   | <p>(St. Luke the Stylite)<br/><b>Evening Divine Liturgy for the Fast of the Nativity</b></p>  |
| <p>7:30 – 9:00 pm<br/>7:30 - 9:00 pm<br/>7:30 – 9:00 pm</p>  | <p>Coptic, Hymns &amp; Memorization (<a href="#">click here for schedule</a>)<br/>Middle School Youth Meeting (<a href="#">click here for schedule</a>)<br/>High School Meeting (<a href="#">click here for schedule</a>)</p>                         |
| <p><b>Saturday, December 28</b><br/><b>4:30 – 6:00 PM</b><br/><b>6:00 – 6:30 PM</b><br/><b>6:30 – 10:30 PM</b></p>                 | <p>(St. Titus the Apostle &amp; St. Spyridon of Cyprus)<br/><b>Kiahk Vespers Praises</b><br/><b>Vespers</b><br/><b>Kiahk Mid-night Praises</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Sunday, December 29</b><br/>8:30 AM - 11:45 AM<br/>12:30 PM – 1:30 PM<br/>1:00 PM – 1:45 PM<br/><b>1:45 PM – 2:15 PM</b></p> | <p>(St. John Bishop of Borolos)<br/>Divine Liturgy<br/>Sunday School<br/>Arabic Bible Study (<a href="#">Commentaries</a>)<br/><b><a href="#">Brief Spiritual Word for Servants</a></b><br/><b><a href="#">(1Kings Bible Study Questions)</a></b></p> |

***Please Mark Your Calendars!***

- ***Evening Divine Liturgies on Fridays during the Fast of the Nativity:*** Lord willing, ***during the Nativity Fast, we will be adding a weekly evening Divine Liturgy on Fridays from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm*** (this is in addition to our weekly liturgy on Tuesday morning and of course our regular Sunday Liturgies). May our Loving Lord help us prepare our hearts for receiving Him Amen !
- ***The month of Kiahk Praises:*** ***During the Coptic month of Kiahk, Lord willing, we will be holding Kiahk praises*** (also known as the 7 & 4 praises for the 7 Theodokias and the 4 Hous) ***every Saturday from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm***. There will also be Kiahk vespers praises, before vespers, from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm.
- ***Ice Skating at Sunny-crest Arena on Saturday, December 24:*** Lord willing, Sunday School is organizing an ***ice skating activity at [Sunny-crest Ice Rink](#) this Tuesday, December 24***. Following the Divine Liturgy, there will be a quick breakfast and then we will head to Sunny-crest Arena located at ***[698 Robinson Road, Syracuse, NY 13026](#)***
- ***Samaritan Soup Kitchen on Thursday, December 26:*** Lord willing, our church will be sponsoring ***a soup kitchen lunch at [Samaritan Center](#), located at 215 N. State Street, Syracuse, NY 13203, on Thursday, December 26***. This is a great opportunity to teach our children and youth the joy of giving and helping others. ***We will be meeting at church around 1:30 pm Lord willing.***
- ***Fun Activities for our children during the Christmas Break on December 24, December 30 and January 2:*** Lord willing, Sunday School will be organizing a couple of fun activities for our children during the Christmas break, including: ***(1) ice skating on Tuesday, December 24, after our morning liturgy; (2) Greek Peek indoor waterpark on Monday, December 30; and (3) Snow-tubing on Thursday, January 2***. More details to follow Lord willing.
- ***Next "Our Life in Christ" Meeting Saturday, January 11:*** Our church has started a new bi-weekly meeting on Saturdays (i.e., every other Saturday, at 7:00 pm, entitled Our Life in Christ. Given Kiahk praises, ***our next meeting will be after the Feast of the Nativity, on Sat, Jan. 11, Lord willing.*** ***[Click here for more details.](#)***
- ***Confessions for Sunday School Children:*** 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, where Abouna will be receiving the confessions of our children during the time of their Sunday School class. This Sunday Lord willing, is dedicated for ***Grades 5 & 6***.

*May God bless every service done for the Glory of His Holy Name Amen !*

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