

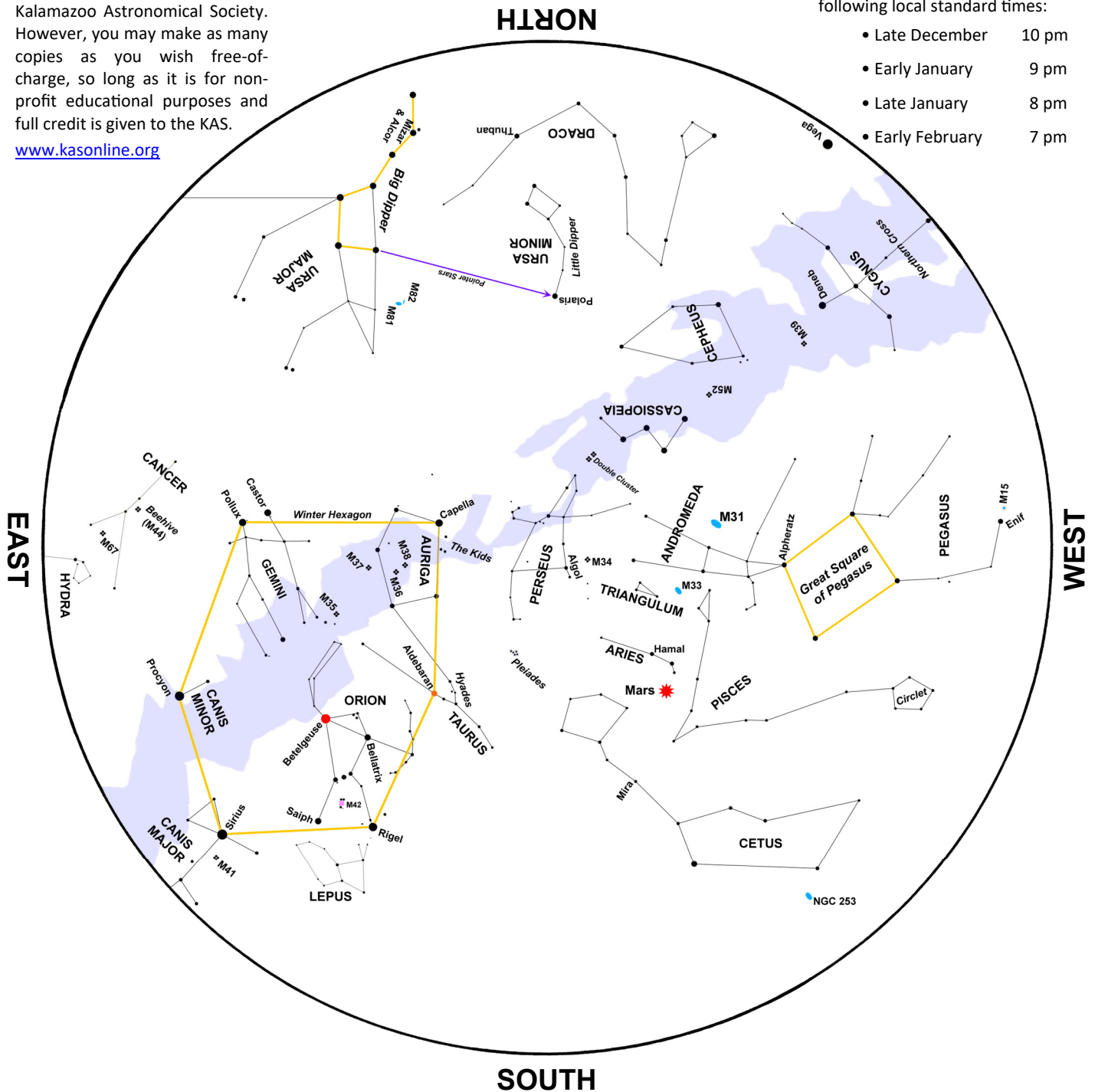
— January Night Sky —

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This map represents the sky at the following local standard times:

- Late December 10 pm
- Early January 9 pm
- Late January 8 pm
- Early February 7 pm



The New Year begins where the Old Year left off, with Jupiter and Saturn just over 1° apart above the southwestern horizon at dusk. The two gas giants will soon be joined by one more planet before exiting the evening sky.

The Quadrantid meteor shower peaks at approximately 9:30 am EST on January

3rd, so best viewing will be in the early morning hours. However, a waning gibbous Moon will interfere this year.

Jupiter, Saturn, and Mercury form a tight triangle low in the west-southwest at dusk on January 10th. All three worlds will easily fit in the field-of-view of 7×50 or 10×50 binoculars.

A very thin waning crescent Moon will appear almost 4° right of Venus at dawn on January 11th. You will need a clear view of the southeastern horizon.

A first quarter Moon and Mars will be 6° apart on the night of January 20th. Uranus can be spotted in binoculars about $1\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ to the lower left of the Red Planet.