

*Welcome to St. Olympia Orthodox Church,
a young and, God willing, growing community of worshipers.*

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Please join us for prayer and fellowship.

Upcoming Services:
Saturday, Sept 30, Oct 7
Great Vespers: 5pm

Sunday, October 1,8
Divine Liturgy: 10am
**Coffee and fellowship
will follow the service**

*The above services are
at St. Olympia Church
34 North Main Street
Norwood, NY, 13668*

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**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the
Seventh Ecumenical Council
October 8**



**Holy, Glorious Apostle Thomas
October 6**



Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council October 11 (Sunday before, see below)

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25). The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

In Greek practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday which follows October 11. According to the Slavic menaion, however, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday.

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as luminaries on the earth. By them Thou hast guided us on the path of the True Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory to Thee!

Troparion

The Son, Who shone forth ineffably from the Father, was born of a Woman, in two natures. Knowing this, we do not deny His image, but piously depict Him, and devoutly revere Him. Therefore, the Church, holding the True Faith, kisses the Icon of the incarnate Christ.

Kontakion

Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas October 6

The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas was born in the Galilean city of Pansada and was a fisherman. Hearing the good tidings of Jesus Christ, he left all and followed after Him. The Apostle Thomas is included in the number of the holy Twelve Apostles of the Savior.

According to Holy Scripture, the holy Apostle Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe” (John 20:25).

On the eighth day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and showed him His wounds. “My Lord and my God,” the Apostle cried out (John 20:28). “Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles,” says Saint John Chrysostom, “toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, so that he went preaching over nearly all the earth, not fearing to proclaim the Word of God to savage nations.”

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed “The Doubting Thomas.” This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, “The Touching of Thomas.” In Slavonic, it says, “The Belief of Thomas.” When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

According to Church Tradition, the holy Apostle Thomas founded Christian churches in Palestine, Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia and India. Preaching the Gospel earned him a martyr’s death. For having converted the wife and son of the prefect of the Indian city of Meliapur [Melipur], the holy apostle was locked up in prison, suffered torture, and finally, pierced with five spears, he departed to the Lord...

You were a disciple of Christ, and a member of the divine college of Apostles. Having been weak in faith you doubted the Resurrection of Christ, but by feeling the wounds you believed in His all-pure Passion: pray now to Him, O all-praised Thomas, to grant us peace and great mercy.

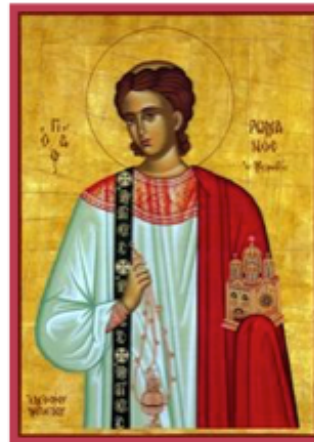
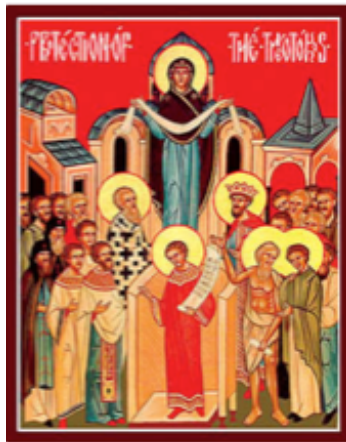
Troparion

Thomas, the faithful servant and disciple of Christ, filled with divine grace, cried out from the depth of his love: “You are my Lord and my God!”

Kontakion

**Glorification of Saint Tikhon, Apostle to America
October 9**

*Chosen by God in a turbulent time,
you glorified God in complete holiness;
and attained greatness through humility; you showed forth the
power of God through simplicity and piety; you laid down your life
for the Church and her people.
O Holy Confessor and Patriarch,
Father Tikhon, pray to Christ God to Whom you were also
crucified that He may save our souls.*



**The Protection of the Theotokos Saint Romanus the Melodist
October 1**

On this day we, the Orthodox people, joyously keep festival, illumined by your coming, O Mother of God; and, beholding your most pure image, we cry out with compunction: "Cover us with your Protecting Veil and deliver us from all evil, entreating your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls."

Troparion

Today the Virgin stands in the church, and with hosts of Saints, and invisibly prays to God for us. Angels worship with Hierarchs, and Apostles rejoice with Prophets, for the Theotokos prays to the Pre-eternal God for us.

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You gladdened Christ's Church by your melodies like an inspired heavenly trumpet. You were enlightened by the Mother of God and shone on the world as God's poet. We lovingly honor you, righteous Romanus.

Troparion

You were adorned from childhood with the godly virtues of the Spirit; you were a precious adornment of the Church of Christ, all-wise Romanus, for you made it lovely with beautiful hymnody. Therefore, we entreat you, grant your divine gift to those who desire it, that we may cry out to you: "Rejoice, all-blessed Father, beauty of the Church."

Kontakion

PARISH WISH LIST

A wish list to help our parish grow!

SPECIAL, one-time needs or items

A **Changing Table** for our newly remodeled, accessible restroom

RECURRING needs:

Paper Plates (small and large), **Paper Bowls**, **Hot Cups**

Napkins

Plastic Utensils, especially **Forks**

Paper Towels

Toilet Paper

Holy Mother Olympia, pray to God for us!

UPCOMING DIOCESAN & PARISH EVENTS

St Olympia Parish Council Meeting

Monday, October 2, 7:30 PM via Google Meet

**Diocesan Christian Education Workshops,
Saturday, October 21, 2023; 10 AM To 3 PM**

WEEKDAY VESPERS 5 PM AT THE HERMITAGE OF ST OLYMPIA

For information please contact Mother Sophronia at mothersophronia@gmail.com
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MOUNTAIN MEN'S RESPITE
*Be Still and Know
that I am God*
OCTOBER 20-22, 2023
MOOSE RIVER PLAINS, ADIRONDACKS
MEET AT CEDAR RIVER CAMPSITES
CEDAR RIVER RD., INDIAN LAKE, NY 12842

MOUNTAIN MEN'S RESPITE RETREAT - REGISTER TODAY! - 09/25/23
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Come and experience a temple made without hands amidst the tranquil mountains of upstate New York. Located in the remote town of Inlet, the Moose River Plains hosts over 100 primitive campsites with 79,487 acres to include countless ponds and streams. Be prepared to get enveloped in the beauty of God's creation.

Drawing on insights from the Church Fathers, Fr. Martin Kraus (Holy Trinity Church, East Meadow) will lead a discussion on how to begin accomplishing this 'acquisition of peace' in our own hearts.

"Therefore, my brother, ask for repentance in your prayer and nothing else, neither for divine lights, nor miracles, nor prophecies, nor spiritual gifts – nothing but repentance. Repentance will bring you humility, humility will bring the Grace of God, and God will have in His Grace everything you need for your salvation, or anything you might need to help another soul."

St. Paisios the Athonite