

**Week of  
January 8th  
2017**

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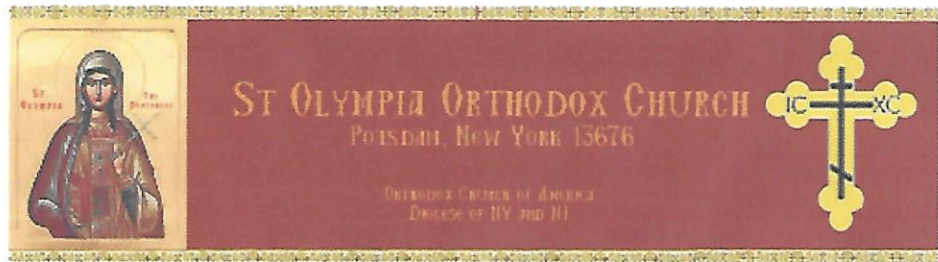
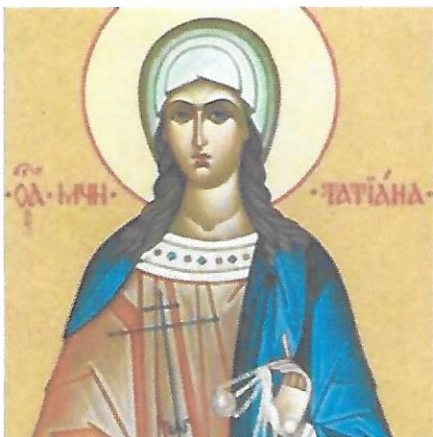
### Next Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, January 15th**  
**123 Main Street**  
**Potsdam, NY**  
**10 :00 am**

**Lunch and fellowship  
to follow**

*He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.*

*II Corinthians 9:6-8*



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

*Join us for prayer and fellowship. Divine Liturgies are held every Sunday and are primarily in English.*

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### **Stewardship - Never too late!**

If you have not yet done so, please fill out a stewardship form return it by mail or give it to a parish council member. This will help us plan for parish growth for this coming year. In addition to whatever financial support is appropriate for you, the form asks what time and talent you will share with the parish. All donations to St. Olympia Orthodox Church are now tax exempt. Greg Kalicin, Parish Council Treasurer, will issue receipts upon request.

### **God is Wonderful in His Saints: Tatiana, Deaconess of Rome**

Saint Tatiana was the daughter of a Roman civil servant who was secretly a Christian and raised his daughter as one. As an adult, St. Tatiana became a deaconess in the church. This was a very public role: deaconesses ministered primarily to women and children. In third-century Rome, this was dangerous, and one day she attracted the attention of a prominent legal authority of the day, the jurist Ulpian who was also the Praetorian Prefect under Emperor Severus Alexander. Ulpian detained Tatiana and attempted to force her to make a sacrifice to Apollo. She prayed, and miraculously, an earthquake destroyed the statue of Apollo and part of the temple.

In retaliation, Tatiana was beaten for several days and blinded. Then she was brought to the Coliseum and thrown into the pit with a hungry lion. As with many saintly people (in the West, St. Francis comes to mind), wild animals become tame in their presence, sensing their holiness. Indeed, to the astonishment of the crowd, the lion did not touch her but instead rested at her feet. A second death sentence was pronounced. After further torture, she was beheaded on January 12th, probably between the years 225-230 AD.

St. Tatiana has become the patron saint of students. In some Eastern European countries, particularly in towns with universities, her feast day is a national holiday.

### **Three New Books for our Lending Library**