



*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 preceded by Great Vespers every Saturday evening.*

Services are primarily in English.

Next Services

**Saturday
April 14th**

**Great Vespers at 5:00
pm**

**Sunday
April 15th**

**Sunday of St. Thomas
Divine Liturgy
at 10:00 am**

**at
St. Olympia Chapel
123 Main Street
Potsdam, NY**

All welcome!



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The Catechetical Homily of St. John Chrysostom

The Catechetical Homily of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, on the holy and light-bearing Day of the most glorious and saving Resurrection of Christ our God.

If any be devout and God-loving, let him enjoy this fair and radiant triumph. If any be a good and wise servant, let him enter rejoicing into the joy of his Lord. If any be weary of fasting, let him now receive his reward. If any has laboured from the first hour, let him receive today his rightful due. If any has come at the third hour, let him feast with thankfulness. If any has arrived at the sixth hour, let him in no wise be in doubt, for in no wise shall he suffer loss. If any be delayed even until the ninth hour, let him draw near, doubting nothing, fearing nothing. If any has tarried even until the eleventh hour, let him not be fearful on account of his lateness; for the Master, Who is jealous of His honour, receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, as well as to him that has laboured from the first hour; and to the last He is merciful, and the first He pleases; to the one He gives, and to the other He bestows; and He receives the works, and welcomes the intention; and the deed He honours, and the offering He praises. Wherefore, then, enter, all of you, into the joy of your Lord; both the first and the second, receive your reward. You rich and you poor, with one another exult.

You sober and you slothful, honour the day. You that have kept the fast and you that have not, be glad today. The table [meaning the Lord's Table, the Eucharistic Table] is full-laden; all of you, delight. The calf is fatted; let none go forth hungry. Let all enjoy the feast of faith; all of you, receive the riches of goodness. Let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his transgressions, for forgiveness has dawned from the tomb. Let no one fear death, for the death of the Saviour has set us free. He has quenched death by it; He Who descended into Hades has led Hades captive. He embittered it, when it tasted of His flesh. And foretelling this, Isaiah cried: "Hades," he says, "was embittered when it encountered Thee below."

It was embittered, for it was abolished.
It was embittered, for it was mocked.
It was embittered, for it was slain.
It was embittered, for it was overthrown.
It was embittered, for it was fettered.

It received a body and encountered God. It received earth, and met heaven. It received that which it saw, and fell to what it did not see. O death, where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory?

Christ is risen, and you are cast down.
Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen.
Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice.
Christ is risen, and life flourishes.
Christ is risen, and there is none dead in the tombs.

For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of them that have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Our gratitude to to Fr. Peter Irfan for the fourteen (14!) Holy Week services that were so prayerfully given to us. Thanks to all who labored, sang, served, prayed, cooked, baked, cleaned...our small parish is a family.

Glory to God!

