



# ST OLYMPIA ORTHODOX CHURCH

POTSDAM, NEW YORK 13676



ORTHODOX CHURCH OF AMERICA  
DIOCESE OF NY AND NJ

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

Our priest is Fr. Peter Irfan, Acting Rector.  
You may reach him at 716-342-8520 (cell) or at fatherpeter777@yahoo.com.

Please join us for prayer and fellowship.  
Divine Liturgies are held every Sunday at 10 am.  
Great Vespers are held every Saturday evening at 5 pm.

## Services this week:

Saturday, November 16th  
Great Vespers - 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 17th

Abbreviated Matins

8:45 am

Proskomidi with explanation

9:30 am

Divine Liturgy

10:00 am

Lunch and fellowship will  
follow the service

The above services are at

St. Olympia Chapel  
123 Main Street  
Potsdam, NY, 13676

## Important Notice:

Daily Reader's Vespers at  
St. Olympia Hermitage in  
Edwards, NY, are tempo-  
rarily suspended. Moth-  
er Sophronia is experienc-  
ing health issues and would  
appreciate your prayers.

## Introduction to Byzantine Chant

Dr. Jessica Suchy-Pilalis is of-  
fering a concise introduction to  
the Byzantine modes.

The remaining sessions for this  
semester will be on:

Saturday, November 16th  
Saturday, November 23rd  
Saturday, December 8th

All sessions are at 4:00 pm at  
the chapel.

No previous chanting experi-  
ence is necessary. All materi-  
als will be provided at the ses-  
sions.

# DEADLINE EXTENDED

DETAILS & SCHEDULE

## ANNUAL GIRLS RETREAT NOVEMBER 22-24, 2019

*"Come as you are: A friend loves at all times!"*

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**Danielle Geeza**  
HR Professional  
& Diocesan Youth Director



**Mat. Dennise Kraus**  
Clergy wife, former Engineer,  
& Mother of 5 kids :)



**Lara Galis**  
Geologist, Choir Director,  
& Orthodox Youth Worker



**Maria Pappas**  
Graduate Student pursuing Master of Education  
degree in School Counseling, & Orthodox Youth Worker

**OPEN TO:** Young Women in Grades 7-12  
*All jurisdictions and nearby dioceses are welcome!*

**FIRM REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** November 8<sup>th</sup>

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:** Hiking, game room, gymnasium, karaoke,  
and campfire w/ s'mores

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*The retreat will feature a panel of Orthodox Christian women whose paths have crossed serendipitously at various points in their lives. Led by our Diocesan Youth Director, Danielle Geeza, the panel will address the theme of friendship since today's society can make being a genuine, Christian friend difficult. We invite attendees to "come as you are" by bringing your full self to the retreat, knowing that although everyone is different, the greatest thing that binds us together is our Orthodox Christian faith and our love for one another.*

Registration deadline is November 8<sup>th</sup> ... sign up today!

To register online, please visit:  
[nynjoca.wixsite.com/nynjocayouth/upcoming-events](http://nynjoca.wixsite.com/nynjocayouth/upcoming-events)

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Excerpts from

## A Diary of a Russian Priest

Neither the man, nor the woman, possesses absolute power over the other partner in the marriage. Coercion exercised over the will of another--even in the name of love--kills love itself. And so the question arises: must one submit to coercion if it threatens that which is most precious? A countless number of unhappy marriages result from precisely this--that each partner considers him or herself as the owner of the loved one. This is the cause of nearly all the difficulties of married life. The highest wisdom in marriage is shown by giving full freedom to the person you love: for our human marriage is the counterpart of the marriage in heaven between Christ and the Church, where there is absolute freedom.

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Man enters deeply into the texture of the world through his family alone.