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POTSDAM, NEW YORK 13676

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*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 9th
Great Vespers - 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 10th

Matins - 8:45 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

Also:

Friday, November 8th
Archangel Michael and the
Bodiless Powers
Hours - 9:30 am
Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

as well as

Daily Reader's Vespers - 5 pm
at
St. Olympia Hermitage
Edwards, NY

Visitors are welcome. E-mail
mothersophronia@gmail.com
to confirm and for directions.



Introduction to Byzantine Chant

Dr. Jessica Suchy-Pilalis will be giving a concise introduction to the Byzantine modes. The next sessions will be on Saturday, November 9th and Saturday, November 16th. All sessions are at 4:00 pm. No previous chanting experience is necessary. All materials will be provided at the sessions.



Image: NIHR Global Health Research Unit on Neglected Tropical Diseases at Brighton and Sussex Medical School

Clinics in Ethiopia Combat Neglected Disease Treatment in Rural Areas Offers Hope of Restored Health

When Enatnesh, a farmer, arrived at an IOCC clinic in Ethiopia, she was in terrible pain. Her badly swollen left leg meant she was unable to work. Her family was losing much needed income and she was shunned by members of her community.

Enatnesh had developed podoconiosis (or podo). It's a noncommunicable disease that worsens over time—a painful swelling of the legs and feet caused by the very soil she tilled on her farm.

Find out how IOCC helped Enatnesh learn about treatment and care, so she could be a productive member of society.

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Excerpts from

A Diary of a Russian Priest

In fleshly love, besides its intrinsic value as such, God has granted the world a share in His omnipotence: Man creates Man, a new soul is brought into being.

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Marriage is a revelation and a mystery. We see in it the complete transformation of a human being, the expansion of personality, fresh vision, a new perception of life, and through it a rebirth into the world in a new plenitude.

Our modern individualism creates special difficulties in married life. To overcome them, a conscious effort on both sides is necessary, in order to build up the marriage and make it a 'walking in the presence of God.' (The Church alone provides a full and genuine solution for all problems.)

And there is something further, something which may appear to be the simplest thing of all, but which is nevertheless the most difficulty to achieve--a firm intention to allow each partner to preserve his or her proper place in the marriage... If this firm intention and desire are present, God will always help us to follow this difficult path, the path of martyrdom--the chant of the 'Holy martyrs' is sung in the course of the bridal procession [editor's note: this is an integral part of the wedding ceremony]--but also a way of life that yields the most intense joy.

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Sin is a destructive force--and first of all it destroys the person burdened with it. Sin distorts and darkens the face of a man, even in the physical sense.