



ST OLYMPIA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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, May 18th

Great Vespers - 5:00 pm

Fr. Peter is available to hear confessions by appointment

Sunday, May 19th

Hours - 9:30 am

Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

A light lunch and fellowship will follow

**The above services are at
St. Olympia Chapel
123 Main Street
Potsdam, NY, 13676**

Also:

Daily Reader's Vespers

at 5 pm

**at St. Olympia Hermitage
Edwards, NY**

Visitors are welcome to attend.

E-mail:

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to confirm and for directions.

Summer Worship Schedule

Please note that starting next Sunday, we will be on summer schedule. Great Vespers remains at 5:00 pm on Saturdays and Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am on Sundays, however instead of Matins, Hours will be read at 9:30 am.

Our series, **Exploring Christian Faith**, will resume in the fall.



Our newest (youngest!) altar server, Julian, at Liturgy this morning.

New to our lending library

Essays on Faith and Culture, compiled by Anton Vrame and Cory Dixon contains four essays: "Orthodox Church and Culture" by Speros Vryonis, Jr.; "Byzantium & Slavic Christianity: Influence of Dialogue?" by Dimitri Obolensky; "Preservation Through Translation: Reflexions on Tradition and Traditions" by Leonidas C. Contos; and "Orthodox Eve and Her Church" by Eva Catafygiotu Topping. From the back cover: "Tertullian's question, 'What has Athens to do with Jerusalem?' best sums up the challenging discussion of faith and culture. This discussion has been of particular concern to Orthodox Christianity, especially in contemporary North America, but also in history. Four essays contained in this volume examine historical and contemporary aspects of the issue."

Words of Life by Archimadrite Sophrony (Sakharov) trans. by Sister Magdalen and published by the Stavropegic Monastery of St. John the Baptist, Essex, contains short, pithy extracts from Fr. Sophrony's spiritual talks such as, "My beloved brothers and sisters, open our hearts so that the Holy Spirit can trace in them the image of Christ. Then, little by little you will be able to have within you both joy and affliction, both death and resurrection." and "In our spiritual vision we have to unite the created universe and Divine, uncreated Being."

Patristic Orthodox Sermons on the Psalms by George Dimopoulos is a compilation of sermons given in Philadelphia as well as in Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda when he was on missionary visits. Each sermon takes a sentence or phrase from a psalm and weaves into his own commentary the voices of such church fathers as Ss. Athanasios, Eusebios, Basil, John Chrysostom and Nicodemus the Agioritis. For example, the first essay, "Education-Morphosis," is based on "Lay hold of instruction, lest at any time the Lord be angry, and ye perish from the righteous way." (Psalm 2). In it, Fr. Dimopoulos focuses on our responsibility to form our children in Christ in spite of (or because of) the culture in which we live.

Also for young children: **The Twelve Apostles, My First Church Book** and **My Little Liturgy Book** all from Potamitis Publishing.