



ST OLYMPIA ORTHODOX CHURCH

POTSDAM, NEW YORK 13676

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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, July 6th
Great Vespers 5 pm

Sunday, July 7th
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 6 pm (summer hours)
at St. Olympia Hermitage
Edwards, NY**

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

Excerpts from A Diary of a Russian Priest

In my relationship with others, I should like to plunge deep into every situation, entering the very soul of each person who comes to me, speaking to him as if he were the person most dear to me in the entire world. But where are we to find a love so great as to embrace everyone? How are we to love the foolish, the conceited who fuss over their mean little futilities, when (to make it worse) we are convinced that paying them attention only does them harm? I suppose that each of us needs to be a saint in order to grasp, through the thick layer of deposited rubbish the element in each person which is unique and cannot ever be repeated--his soul--and to address that alone.

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Obstacles to prayer: weak, incorrect, and insufficient faith; too much agitation, bustle, absorption in worldly affairs; sinful, impure angry feelings and thoughts.

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If a person has chosen the path of perfection and follows Christ, the unique value of this path becomes clear to him, and absolutely convincing from within. Those who have entered this path are few, yet there are practically none who, having chosen it, afterwards turn back. According to Christ; promise, he that seeks shall find.

St. Olympia Parish at 52nd Potsdam Summer Festival

Our parish will host a booth at the Potsdam Summer Festival on Saturday, July 13th at Ives Park. We will showcase Mother Sophronia's icons and sell beautiful Pysanky eggs that have been donated to us by Archbishop Michael for this purpose. This is a wonderful way to reach out to our neighbors and to show that there is a vibrant Orthodox presence in the North Country.

Volunteers are need for set up and staffing the booth. Please contact Cynthia Eyler if you can be of help!



We had the pleasure of welcoming Teresa and Sam who traveled from Kemptville, Ontario, to worship with us this past Sunday. We hope that you are able to join us again soon!

PROJECT PEARL RIVER

Monday, July 22 - Friday, July 26, 2019

**Church of the Holy Transfiguration
35 Sickletown Road, Pearl River, NY**

- Come help a deanery parish beautify and maintain its temple.
- Willing and able members of our New Jersey Deanery parishes (and all others who wish to help) will prepare and apply fresh paint to the interior walls and ceiling of the church's nave.
- All tools and materials will be supplied.
- Lunch, dinner, and refreshments will be provided each day.

**Contact: Archimandrite Joseph (Hoffman), Rector,
at fr.ioseph@holvtransf.org or (845) 548-3170**