



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, July 20th
Great Vespers 5 pm

Sunday, July 21st
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

We lost track of the number of young faces that Emma painted. While parents waited for the face art to be completed, Fr. Peter, Cindy and Zachary answered questions about our faith. People also bought icons donated by Fr. Alexey. We hope to do this again next year!

St. Olympia Parish at 52nd Potsdam Summer Festival

Our parish booth at the Potsdam Summer Festival on Saturday, July 13th was a wonderful event. Mother Sophronia brought hand-painted icons as well as materials that are used to make them. She also explained the symbolism of various motifs painted on the lovely Pysanky eggs that were donated by Archbishop Michael.



Excerpts from A Diary of a Russian Priest

In confession the most important thing is the state of soul in the person making the confession, regardless of who the confessor may be. It is *your* confession that matters, and not the confessor who speaks to you. But we often make the mistake of putting first the personality of the priest who hears the confession.

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In confession, a feeble memory is no excuse: forgetfulness is caused by inattention, a lack of earnestness, by hardness and indifference to sin. A sin whose weight *presses on the soul* cannot be forgotten.