



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:

Thursday, August 15th
Falling Asleep of the
Theotokos

Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

Saturday, August 17th
Great Vespers - 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 18th

Hours - 9:30 am

Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

A light lunch and fellowship
will follow the service

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

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's promise, he that seeks shall find.

Faith has nothing to fear from negative polemics, from the ordeal by the mind; faith is able to withstand such an ordeal. But what it has to fear is the weakness of our spirit, "the apostasy of the heart."

Those who demand proofs in order to believe are on the wrong track. Faith is a free choice; wherever there is a desire for proof, even a desire hidden from ourselves, there is no faith. The evidences of divine manifestation must not be taken as "proofs" -- this would be to degrade and nullify the great virtue of faith.

Sickness is the most favorable time for us to return to our own heart, to God. As soon as our health has improved, the possibility of doing this recedes once more to an infinite distance.

If you are seized with anger towards someone, try to imagine that both you and he must die. How insignificant his fault will then appear, and how unjust your anger, even if formally justified.



DAVID FORD, Ph.D

SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2019



Couples Retreat

Saint Andrew's Camp * Jewell NY



MARY FORD, Ph.D

"MAKING GOOD MARRIAGES BETTER THROUGH RESOURCES OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH"

FRIDAY EVENING * SEPTEMBER 20, 2019
5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION, DINNER, SOCIAL RECEPTION

SATURDAY * SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

MORNING PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL
BREAKFAST
SESSION ONE
LUNCH
SESSION TWO
EVENING PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL
DINNER
SOCIAL GATHERING

SUNDAY * SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

DIVINE LITURGY IN THE CHAPEL
BREAKFAST
DISMISSAL

Saint Andrew's Camp and Religious Center is located on the shore of Lake Oneida in upstate New York, about 30 minutes north of Syracuse NY. Couples attending the retreat will receive lodging, meals, and all retreat materials as part of their registration. We are honored to feature Dr. Mary and Dr. David Ford of Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary as retreat leaders. Following on-line registration, participants will receive further details and travel information.

Saint Andrew's Camp website:
<http://saintandrewscamp.org/>

The retreat is limited to 12 couples! This will facilitate an opportunity for fellowship and friendships to be formed as the retreat unfolds, with everyone having ample opportunity for sharing and involvement.

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