

*Welcome to St. Olympia Orthodox Church,
a young and, God willing, growing community of worshipers.*

*Our priest is Fr. Peter Irfan, Acting Rector.
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Please join us for prayer and fellowship.

**Services this week:
Saturday, February 1**

Great Vespers: 5pm

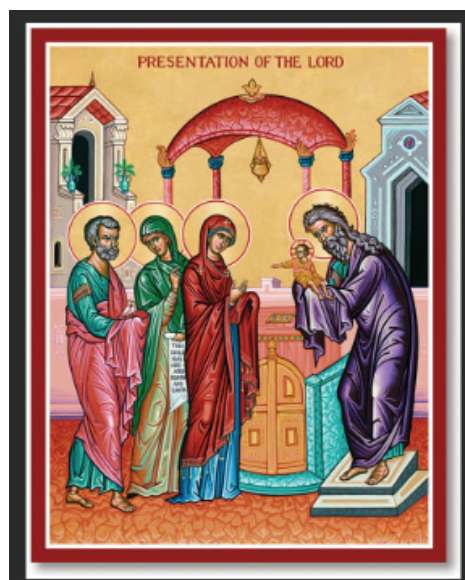
Sunday, February 2

**Matins: 8:45 am
Divine Liturgy: 10am**

**Lunch and
fellowship will
follow the service**

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

This coming Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord



*Lord, now lettest Thou Thy
servant depart in peace,
according to Thy word; for mine
eyes have seen Thy salvation
which Thou hast prepared before
the face of Thy people, a light to
lighten the gentiles, and the glory
of Thy people Israel.*

Luke 2:29-32

*From an excerpt of Archbishop Dimitri's Sermon on the Presentation from the
OCA website:*

When the righteous Simeon took the child into His arms and declared that this indeed was Salvation Incarnate, the "Light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of Israel," a new era began; the era of God's presence among His children.

To this day, all of the Church's celebrations, no matter what the event commemorated may be, whether in the life of Christ, of the Theotokos, or of the saints, all are celebrations of Christ and the establishment on earth of the Kingdom of His presence. He initiated this Kingdom and promised its ultimate realization. And now, just as the Old Israel had awaited the beginning of God's Kingdom, the New Israel (the Church) awaits the Second and Glorious Coming of Christ and the fullness of His Kingdom, revealed.



*Our new catechumens
David and Betsy
Tisdale.*