

**Week of  
January 15th  
2017**

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**Next Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, January 22nd  
123 Main Street  
Potsdam, NY  
10:00 am

Lunch and fellowship  
to follow

**Parish Council Meeting**

Sunday, January 22nd  
following fellowship

*And whatever you do, do it  
heartily, as to the Lord and  
not to men, knowing that  
from the Lord you will re-  
ceive the reward of the inher-  
itance; for you serve the Lord  
Christ.*

*Colossians 3:23-24*



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

*Join us for prayer and fellowship. Divine Liturgies are held every Sunday  
and are primarily in English.*

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**Stewardship:**

Time, talent, treasure--all are important to our liturgical community! If you have not yet done so, please fill out a stewardship form. All donations to St. Olympia Orthodox Church are now tax exempt. Greg Kalicin, Parish Council Treasurer, will issue receipts upon request.

*"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but what-  
ever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."*

*--Anonymous*

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."*

*--Winston Churchill.*

**Helping Our North Country Needy:**

The C.O.R.C. Store in Potsdam has sent out an S.O.S. to area worship communities. They are requesting towels, blankets, and sheets (twin, double, and queen size). There is also an ongoing need for winter coats/jackets, hats, scarves, boots, etc., for adults and children. C.O.R.C. provides vouchers for those who cannot afford the very modest prices placed on items and works with our local Red Cross.

Please bring items (used or new) to church on Sunday, January 22rd, or call the C.O.R.C. Store at 315-265-3940 for times to drop off your donation directly.

**God is Wonderful in His Saints**

**St Paul of Thebes (January 15th) and St Anthony the Great (January 17th)**



St. Anthony the Great is one of the most beloved saints in Orthodox tradition, especially among monks by whom he is considered the father of monasticism. Fewer know of St. Paul of Thebes, who began his ascetic struggles in the Egyptian desert a generation earlier and who was greatly revered by St. Anthony. St. Paul was born in Thebaid around the year 227 AD to wealthy parents. He and his sister were orphaned when they were young and thus received a large inheritance. His sister married and when Paul was in his twenties, his sister's husband, a pagan, tried to extort St. Paul's inheritance by threatening to report that Paul had become a Christian. This was during the time of the persecutions of Christians by the Emperor Decius (249-251). Instead, St. Paul gave his inheritance directly to his sister