



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 worshippers.*

*Our priest is Fr. Paul Fedoroff, Priest-in-Charge.
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*Please join us for prayer and fellowship.***

Upcoming Services:
At the Norwood Church
December 19

Vespers: 5pm
December 20
Hours: 9:10am
Divine Liturgy: 9:30am
December 24
Great Compline, Matins
6:30 pm

December 25
Hours: 9:10am
Divine Liturgy: 9:30am

At the Potsdam Chapel
December 27
Typica 9:30 am

**Confessions: Saturday after
Vespers, Sunday before
Liturgy, otherwise by
appointment.**

Coffee after Liturgy!
****Social Distancing
guidelines must be
observed.**

St. Olympia Chapel
123 Main Street
Potsdam, NY, 13676

Forefeast of the Nativity December 20-24 (on the next page)

**Hieromartyr Ignatius,
God-Bearer, Bishop of Antioch
December 20**

*By sharing in the ways of the Apostles,
you became a successor to their throne.
Through the practice of virtue,
you found the way to divine contemplation,
O inspired one of God;
by teaching the word of truth without error,
you defended the Faith,
even to the shedding of your blood.
Hieromartyr Ignatius,
entreat Christ God to save our souls.
Troparion to St. Ignatius*



Winter Clothing Donations Needed!

Families in our county are struggling, and there has been quite a reduction in the donations of winter clothing at the Department of Social Services and the Youth Advocate Program (YAP). We can help! Let's donate our items before Christmas! Outerwear is particularly needed (Hats, coats, boots, gloves, scarves)

- 1) Drop off clothing at the YAP in Canton at 3 Remington St.,**
- 2) Bring clothing to St Olympia services
and Emma Trulock will take them to YAP in Canton or**
- 3) Ask Emma if you need to have items picked up at your home.**

Forefeast of the Nativity of our Lord

Troparion

Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all!
Adorn yourself, O Ephratha, for the tree of life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave!
Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with the Divine Fruit:
If we eat of it, we shall live forever and not die like Adam.
Christ comes to restore the image which He made in the beginning!

Kontakion (December 20, 22-24)

Today the Virgin comes to the cave
to give birth to the Eternal Word.
Hear the glad tidings and rejoice, O universe!
Glorify with the angels and the shepherds
the Eternal God, who is willing to appear as a little child!

Kontakion (December 21)

He who holds the earth in the hollow of His hand
now is beheld in Bethlehem wrapped in swaddling bands.
We offer pre-festal hymns to His Mother, who maternally rejoices
having held to her bosom the Son of God.

From Matins on December 21

The unapproachable God in His tender mercy approaches me;
He wills to be born in the flesh in the city of Bethlehem.
He receives human nature from a Virgin maiden.
Let us eagerly run to greet Him, crying out in fear:
O Lord, glory to Thee."

At Vespers on December 22

"Christ is born on earth to crush the power of evil,
to enlighten those in darkness, and to free the captives.
Let us go forth to meet Him."

At Compline on December 23

"Let us purify our minds, washing ourselves with the divine Mysteries;
let us draw near in soul and body to Bethlehem,
that we may behold the fearful dispensation of the birth of the Lord"

Eve of the Nativity of our Lord

Troparion

Mary was of David's seed, so she went with Joseph to register in Bethlehem.
She bore in her womb the Fruit not sown by man.
The time for the birth was at hand.
Since there was no room at the inn,
the cave became a beautiful palace for the Queen.
Christ is born, raising up the image that fell of old.