



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

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*Please join us for prayer and fellowship.***

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Troparion of the Nativity of Christ

*Your Nativity, O Christ our God,
has shone to the world the Light of wisdom!
For by it, those who worshipped the stars,
were taught by a Star to adore You,
the Sun of Righteousness,
and to know You, the Orient from on High.
O Lord, glory to You!*



Upcoming Services:
At the Norwood Church
December 24
 Great Compline,
 Matins 6:30 pm
December 25, January 3
 Hours: 9:10am
 Divine Liturgy: 9:30am
January 2
 Vespers: 5pm
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 Orthodox Church
34 Main Street
Norwood, NY, 13668**

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! We can donate our items through the end of the year! 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.**

Remember, you can get the new 2021 St. Olympia Church Calendar at our church services!



Kontakion of the Nativity of Christ

*Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One,
and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One!
Angels with shepherds glorify Him!
The wise men journey with a star!
Since for our sake
the Eternal God was born as a Little Child!*

Commemoration of the Shepherds in Bethlehem

An angel of the Lord (Saint Cyprian says this was Gabriel) came before them and said: "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). The humble shepherds were the first to offer worship to Him Who condescended to assume the form of a humble servant for the salvation of mankind.



The Adoration of the Magi: Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar



The Nativity of Christ was revealed to the Magi by a wondrous star. Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Theophylactus, commenting on Saint Matthew's Gospel, say that this was no ordinary star. Rather, it was "a divine and angelic power that appeared in the form of a star." Saint Demetrius of Rostov says it was a "manifestation of divine energy" (Narrative of the Adoration of the Magi). Entering the house where the Infant lay, the Magi "fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented Him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh" (Mt. 2:11).

What then, O brethren, is required of us in order that we might avail ourselves of all the grace brought unto us from on high by the coming to earth of the Son of God?

What is necessary, first of all, is faith in the Son of God, in the Gospel as salvation – bestowing heavenly teaching; a true repentance of sins and the correction of life and of heart; communion in prayer and in the Mysteries; the knowledge and fulfillment of Christ's commandments.

Let us, then, O brothers and sisters, bring these virtues as a gift to the One Who was born for the sake of our salvation...God and Man, come to die for us. This, from us, shall be the most pleasing form of sacrifice to God and to the infant Jesus Christ.

Saint John of Kronstadt, "Sermon on the Nativity of Christ"