



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 worshipers.*

*Our priest is Fr. Peter Irfan, Acting Rector.
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*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:

Saturday, January 18th
Great Vespers - 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 19th
Matins - 8:45 am
Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

Lunch and fellowship will follow the service

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

Important Notice:

Daily Reader's Vespers at St. Olympia Hermitage in Edwards, NY, are temporarily suspended. Mother Sophronia is experiencing health issues and appreciates your prayers.



Above: Fr. Peter blesses the water on Theophany
Right: Fr. Peter shares the joy of the feast with parishioners. Photos by C. Eyler

Stewardship

A few thoughts on how to give back to God taken from a sermon by Fr. Panteleimon Dalianis

First, we need to give intentionally:

The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountiful. Each one must do as he has made up his mind... (2 Cor. 9:6-7)

Second, we need to give God the first fruits:

"Then it shall be, when you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, and you possess it and live in it, that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground which your bring in from your land that the Lord your God gives you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place where the Lord your God chooses to establish His name." (Deuteronomy 26:1-11)

Third, we need to give generously:

One tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord and must be set apart to Him as holy. (Leviticus 27:30)

And lastly, we need to give cheerfully:

...for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:7)

Please consider filling out a stewardship form with whatever amount is right for you. Also remember that your time and talent is an important and vital contribution. A link to our stewardship form is in the body of the this e-mail, above the newsletter.

