

*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.***

Forefeast of Theophany January 2-5

Upcoming Services:
At the Norwood Church
January 3, 10
Hours: 9:10am
Divine Liturgy: 9:30am
January 2, 9
Vespers: 5pm
[Great Blessing of Waters](#)
January 9 After Vespers
January 10 After Liturgy,
Grasse River at Cindy's house



*Prepare, O Zebulon,
and adorn yourself, O Naphtali!
River Jordan, cease flowing,
and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized!
Adam, rejoice with our first Mother,
and do not hide yourselves as you did of old in Paradise;
for having seen you naked,
He has appeared to clothe you with the first garment.
Christ has appeared to renew all creation.*

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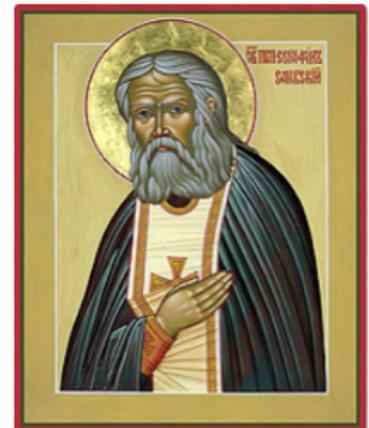
**Confessions: Saturday after
Vespers, Sunday before
Liturgy, otherwise by
appointment.**

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

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Saint Seraphim of Sarov, January 2

*With what praise shall we crown the great warrior,
the holy Monk Seraphim?
He revealed himself as the good pastor,
firm in faith and virtue.
His teachings were inspired by God;
his manner of life equal to the Angels.
He taught those who came to him,
and we also cry aloud as we stand before him:
"O Seraphim, pray to Christ our God
to establish the Orthodox faith and to save our souls!"*
 Vespers, Litya



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

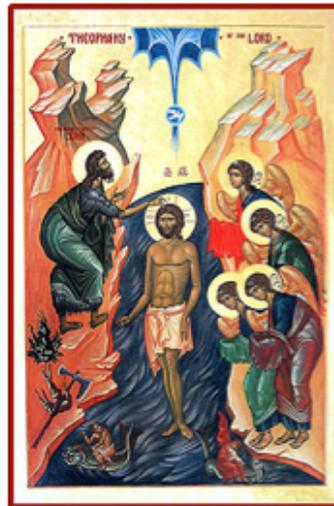
Preparing for the Theophany of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained. But the children of Israel had walked on dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Vespers: Second Reading
Exodus 14:15-18, 21-23, 27-29

*The wonder of the baptism of God
was prefigured
by the cloud and the sea
through which the people passed.
In them the people were once baptized
into Moses the lawgiver.
The sea was a type of the water
and the cloud a type of the Spirit.
Perfected by water and the Spirit we cry out:
"Blessed are You, O God of our fathers!"*

Matins, Troparion
Ode 7 of the First Canon



When Christians are immersed three times in the saving waters as by a three days' journey, the spiritual Egyptian, that is, original sin or actual sins, are buried as if in the Red Sea, and while the sons of Israel cross over to the service of God, only their sins suffer destruction. Moreover, let no one doubt and think that not all of his sins perish through Baptism, but let him realize and understand that, just as none of the Egyptians survived, so nothing at all remains of his sins.

Sermon 97: On the Three Days' Journey in the Desert
St. Caesarius of Arles

When praying during Divine service, during the celebration of the Sacraments and the singing of the prayers and hymns upon various occasions, lay surely to your heart the words themselves of the church prayers, believing, that not a single word is placed there in vain, that every one of them has its power, that in each word dwells the Holy Trinity the Lord Himself "Who is everywhere present and fills all things."

St. John of Kronstadt, *My Life in Christ*, p. 176