



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.
You may reach him at 716-342-8520 (cell) or at fatherpeter777@yahoo.com.*

*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, May 25th

Great Vespers - 5:00 pm

Fr. Peter is available to hear confessions by appointment

Sunday, May 26th

Hours - 9:30 am

Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

A light lunch and fellowship will follow

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

Also:

Daily Reader's Vespers

at 5 pm

**at St. Olympia Hermitage
Edwards, NY**

Visitors are welcome to attend.

E-mail:

***mothersophronia@gmail.com
to confirm and for directions.***

Summer Worship Schedule

Please note that starting next Sunday, we will be on summer schedule. Great Vespers remains at 5:00 pm on Saturdays and Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am on Sundays, however instead of Matins, Hours will be read at 9:30 am.

Our series, **Exploring Christian Faith**, will resume in the fall.



Our warmest wishes and prayers for Zachary Price who was chrismated into the Orthodox Church this past week. He is surrounded by Mother Sophronia and Fr. Peter on the left, and his sponsors, Fr. Pierre (Vachon) and Dr. Jessica Suchy-Pilalis.

More new books in our lending library

The Paterikon for Kids by Potamitis Publishing is a collection of very small books about various saints. The whole series has more than 60 volumes and is still growing. Our library has the following: St. Nectarios' Shoes; St. Lydia; St. Kalliopi; Evangelist Luke; St. Genevieve, Patron of Paris; St. Stephen the Great, Hero of Romania and Defender of Christendom; The Voyage of St. Brendan; The Dormition of the Theotokos; St. David of Wales; St. Mary Magdalene, The Myrrhbearer and Equal to the Apostles; St. Nectarios of Aegina; The Baptism of Christ; and St. Mardarije of Libertyville (Illinois). While the format is colorful with illustrations that would appeal to a very young audience, the language/vocabulary is appropriate for young teens and the information is of interest to all.

At the End of Time: The Eschatological Expectations of the Church by Bishop Gerasimos (Papadopoulos) of Abyda. From the back cover: Christians have often wondered about what might take place at the end of time, the end of history as we know it. To answer their questions, they have turned to Scripture and studied the many texts that deal with the eschata, especially the Book of Revelation. Here, Bishop Gerasimos of Abydos offers his reflections on some of these texts and the Tradition of the Church concerning the 'last things' and the Kingdom of God to come.

"Faithful to this very spirit of the New Testament and the Holy Tradition of the Church, Bishop Gerasimos has prayerfully undertaken to help the faithful through this very important but difficult aspect of our Christian faith. In his characteristic way, Bishop Gerasimos has successfully put aside everything superfluous to emphasize what is truly important and necessary for the edification of the believer. He is not interested in critical arguments or in romantic speculations, but in the spiritual realities that have been revealed for us in the person and work of Jesus Christ and experienced in the church.

Acquiring the Mind of Christ: Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church by Archimandrite Sergius (Bowyer). Fr. Sergius is the Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery and teaches at St. Tikhon's Seminary. From the back cover: "St. Paul clearly states: 'Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...!' (Phil 2:5). How do we acquire this Mind of Christ and where is it to be found? For the Orthodox Christian, salvation is the acquisition of this Mind of Christ which is to be found in the Church. This acquisition moves us from the image of God to the likeness of God; through our obedience to this call we begin to know God and this knowledge is eternal life (John 17:3). This small book hopes to begin to answer how acquiring the Mind of Christ is possible and why it is necessary in our lives today."