



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:

Thursday, June 6th
The Ascension of the Lord
Hours - 9:30 am
Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

Saturday, June 8th
Great Vespers - 5:00 pm
Fr. Peter is available to hear confessions by appointment

Sunday, June 9th
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 6 pm (summer hours)
at St. Olympia Hermitage
Edwards, NY**

*Visitors are welcome to attend.
E-mail:
mothersophronia@gmail.com
to confirm and for directions.*



Directed by Adam Lowell Roberts, this documentary follows five teenagers as they build a house in Mexico for a homeless family. They signed up to give, but what they received was tenfold.

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<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/buildinghopefilm>

More summer reading in our lending library

Christ in the Life of the Church by Bishop Gerasimos (Papadopoulos) of Abyda is the second in a two-volume series, *Orthodoxy: Faith and Life*. Noted on the back cover: "Volume I, *Christ in the Gospels*, has been well received and has been found very useful for upper levels of Sunday School and Bible study groups... *Christ in the Life of the Church*, we are certain, will prove equally useful."

Why Monasticism? - The Ancient and Contemporary Value of a Timeless Tradition by Igumen Sergius, Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery. From the opening page: "Understanding monasticism is intimately linked with understanding the essence of Christianity. Often, monastic life is an enigma to the modern world and even those in the Church are sometimes led to wonder what such a life as monasticism is "worth." What does it do? What kind of product does it have to offer the world? However, if we do not really believe with all our heart and soul that Jesus Christ is the Eternal Word of God Who for the salvation of mankind took flesh and destroyed death and raised human nature to the very throne of God; and if this is something that we seriously question and are even disdainful of, we will likely be led to a similar view of monasticism. For the monastic life is nothing else than 100% Christianity 100% of the time. It is the epitome of the Gospel message lived to its fullest extent."

Anglican-Orthodox Pilgrimage, Franklin Billerbeck, ed. From the introduction: "In increasing numbers, Anglicans are coming home to Orthodox Christianity. In a recent study, Anglicans were the second largest group of converts to the Orthodox Church in America. Numerous new congregations have been formed by former Anglicans in the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese, an archdiocese in which over half of the clergy are converts, many of them former Anglicans. This booklet provides the stories of ten Anglican converts to Orthodoxy. They are different in age, background, and interests, and they hail from different parts of the United States. Some are clergy, some are lay, many of them were in positions of leadership within Anglicanism before they became Orthodox. But here, they have all found peace and spiritual growth in the stability of the Faith 'once delivered.'"