



*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.\*\**

**Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, June 7**  
**Chrismation: 9:30 am**  
**Divine Liturgy: 10 am**  
**Kneeling Prayers**  
**following Liturgy**

**No coffee hour**

**\*\*Social Distancing  
 guidelines must be  
 observed.**

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

**Holy Pentecost! – “The last and great day”**



**Troparion**

*Blessed art You O Christ Our God  
 You have revealed the fishermen as most wise  
 By sending down upon them the Holy Spirit  
 Through them You drew the world into Your net  
 O Lover of Man, Glory to You!*

**Kontakion**

*When the most High came down  
 and confused the tongues,  
 He divided the nations;  
 But when he distributed the tongues of fire  
 He called all to unity.  
 Therefore, with one voice,  
 we glorify the All-holy Spirit!*

In the Church’s annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is “the last and great day.” It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end—the achievement and fulfillment—of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the “birthday” of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness.

This double meaning and double joy is revealed to us, first of all, in the very name of the feast. Pentecost in Greek means fifty, and in the sacred biblical symbolism of numbers, the number fifty symbolizes both the fullness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fullness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fullness of seven (7 x 7): the number of time. And, it symbolizes that which is beyond time by its second component: 49 + 1, this one being the new day, the “day without evening” of God’s eternal Kingdom. With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ’s disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fullness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to “appropriate” these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom.

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