



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, August 3rd
Great Vespers 5 pm

Sunday, August 4th
Hours - 9:30 am
Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

A light lunch and fellowship
will follow the service

**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:
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to confirm and for directions.

Excerpts from

A Diary of a Russian Priest

'Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth . . . take no thought' (Matt. vi. 19, 34). Why? Earthy riches are corruptible. They are useless - 'the life of man does not depend upon the wealth of his estate.' They require care and worry and are therefore harmful even from the worldly point of view. They enslave our heart: 'Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also' (Matt. vi 21).

Care and anxiety about them are godless, for they presuppose the absence of Providence: compare the parable of the rich man (Luke xii. 16-21). They weaken our spiritual powers: 'Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life ...' (Luke xxi. 34). They make us put things the wrong way around: 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness' (Matt. vi. 33). They determine our destiny on earth and after death."

Our annual parish picnic to celebrate our patron saint, St. Olympia, was filled with wonderful food prepared by the Gurreas family. Below are our triumphal hosts who fed us a bountiful meal. Thank you!



Above are visitors to our parish this past Sunday. The Yanda family currently lives in Africa and is spending time with relatives in the North Country. Welcome!