



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, September 7th
Great Vespers - 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 8th
Nativity of the Theotokos
Matins - 8:30 am
Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

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 5 pm at St. Olympia Hermitage, Edwards, NY

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



Starting the new liturgical year and school year with enthusiasm. We welcomed students, visitors and our St. Olympia family members.



Project Mexico provides safe, secure, permanent homes for poor families in Baja, California. Our mission provides sturdy structures and a foundation for families to build a better future. With the help of thousands of volunteers, we have made a difference.

There are 8 weeks available to choose from. Register today and pay in full by Oct. 15 for a discounted rate!

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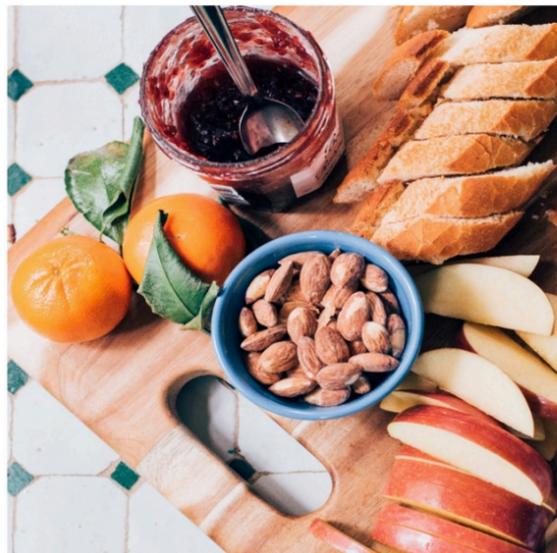
ALL ARE WELCOME.
PLEASE JOIN US!

FALL INTERFAITH PICNIC

Thursday, September 5 2019
5:30 pm
Sandstone Park, Pine Street
Potsdam

Please join us for food, games and fun at this year's picnic!

Featuring pizza and grilled meat that is both Halal and Kosher. Paper products and drinks provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring a vegetarian dish to share.



The event includes activities and games for all ages!

The Potsdam Interfaith Community (PIC) is an organization composed of more than 10 religious communities in the Potsdam area.

Excerpts from *A Diary of a Russian Priest*

To free ourselves from inner chaos, we must recognize objective order.

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How difficult is our approach to god, especially in the case of some of us, when everything--even nature, heredity, and the entire composition of man--builds up a wall between him and God. The kind of man we most often encounter presents a combination of three traits: (1) pride--faith in his own strength, delight in his own creations; (2) a passionate love of earthly life; and (3) the absence of any sense of sin. How can such men approach God? As they now are, they are hopelessly isolated from God; they do not even feel the need of Him. And this is precisely the kind of personality that is developed in the conditions of modern life, through education, literature and so on. The idea of God is erased from the soul. What catastrophes are required, before such a man can be reborn!

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The sense of deep sinfulness experienced by saints is caused by their nearness to the source of light--to Christ.