



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 worshippers.*

*Our priest is Fr. Paul Fedoroff, Priest-in-Charge.
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*Please join us for prayer and fellowship.***

**** With the new order from NY State, we are restricted to ten (10) people per service. Everyone will need to sign up for each service. Please contact Peggy Wheeler, 315-322-8425. ****

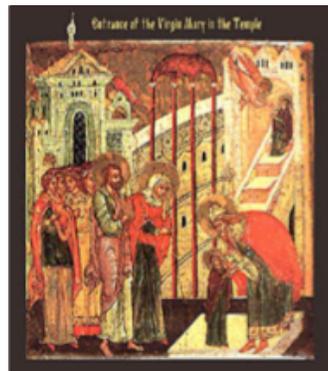
Upcoming Services:
November 21, 22
Sunday Hours: 9:40am
Divine Liturgy: 10am
Saturday, November 21, 28
Vespers: 5pm

Confessions: Saturday after Vespers, Sunday before Liturgy, otherwise by appointment.

Coffee after Liturgy! **Social Distancing guidelines must be observed.

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

The Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos Saturday, November 21 Liturgy, 10 AM



Troparion of the Feast – Tone 4

*Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice and sing to her:
"Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."*

NEW TIMES for SUNDAY MORNINGS!

Hours 9:10 AM
Liturgy 9:30 AM

**Begins next Sunday, November 29
and continues through January**

The Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos

This is the third Old Testament reading from the Vespers service for the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos. Each week, Father Paul has prepared the readings with commentary from the Holy Fathers and hymnody from the services. They are based on handouts from the course that he took with Archbishop Michael at St. Tikhon's Seminary. From Vladyka Michael to Father Paul to us – Glory to God!

The Reading from Ezekiel: [Ezekiel 43:27-44:4]

‘When these days are over it shall be, on the eighth day and thereafter, that the priests shall offer your burnt offerings and your peace offerings on the altar; and I will accept you,’ says the Lord God.” Then He brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary which faces toward the east, but it was shut. And the Lord said to me, “This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter by it, because the Lord God of Israel has entered by it; therefore it shall be shut. “As for the prince, because he is the prince, he may sit in it to eat bread before the Lord; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gateway, and go out the same way.” Also He brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; so I looked, and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord; and I fell on my face.

From the Fathers:

“What is that gate of the sanctuary, that outer gate facing the east and remaining closed? Is not Mary the gate through whom the Redeemer entered this world?”

St. Ambrose of Milan

“Hail, the new ark of glory in which the Spirit of God came down and rested. Ark in which He who was holy in nature miraculously constructed for Himself the sanctuary of new-found glory in the virginal workshop of nature, for the sake of His Incarnation.”

St. Andrew of Crete

From the Hymnology:

Today the house of God receives the Gate through which none may pass; so it has brought an end to the worship commanded by the shadow of the Law, and it cries aloud: “Verily the truth has appeared to those on earth.”

Matins Troparion at Ode 4 of the First Canon

As a Gate of salvation and a spiritual Mountain, as a living ladder, let us, the faithful, honor the true Virgin and Mother of God, who is blessed by the hands of the priests.

Matins Troparion at Ode 8 of the First Canon

