



Announcements for the week of May 23, 2021 Sunday of the Paralytic

St. Olympia Orthodox Church
Norwood, NY

Christ is Risen!

Local Food Pantry Collection

We are continually collecting non-perishable food items for the Norwood, Norfolk, Raymondville Food Pantry that runs out of our downstairs. During the Great Fast we made an effort to focus on soup donations - thank you all for your generous contributions.

St. Basil's House for the Needy

We are also collecting non-perishable food as well as clothing for our diocesan house for the needy which is located in Trenton, NJ. You donate it - we will figure out how to get it there.

St. Andrew's Camp

A few years ago, the camp began raising funds for the much needed update to the kitchen, dining hall and activities center. Much has been raised already but there are still more funds needed. There is a very generous donor who will match funds raised. Please try to give to this project so that our young people will have [this camp](#) available.

St. Olympia Hermitage in Edwards, NY

Please keep in your prayers, our local monastic spiritual center, watched over by Mother Sophronia. Help make sure she can continue to hold services and run her iconography workshop. Our church would be much less ornate if it were not for her talents.

Building Projects

Your Parish Council has been hard at work putting together the list of what needs to be done at the church. Do you have your own opinions and ideas to share? Do you have some time, talents, or treasures you can lend to help out with some things? Stay tuned for more details.

House Blessings

Back in January, at the time of the Feast of Theophany, your priest would have made a point to come to everyone's home for house blessings. If you remember, however, we were instructed to

put that on hold, waiting for after Pascha when the world would hopefully loosen up a bit. Well, here we are, and things are loosening up a bit. Contact Father Paul if you would like to schedule a house blessing.

Orthodox Summer Music Institute

St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary has a [nice opportunity](#) available for those interested in enriching their Orthodox Music experience.

Save the date(s)

July 10 - Potsdam Summer Fest. We will be there - come check it out, hang out at our tent, and be a good Christian witness.

July 25 - Patronal Feast Day Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with His Eminence Archbishop Michael. Picnic to follow at the church.

My Own Two-Cents

I have only known this Mission Parish under the shadow of the pandemic. It has been (and still can be) a difficult time for some. However, it is time to start thinking about coming out of what has seemed like normal for the past year. As your priest, I am charged with looking after the health of your soul and spiritual well-being. I encourage you to please prayerfully do some introspection and ask yourself if you are not attending church because of legitimate reasons or if you have fallen into bad habits. Things are opening up in the world and I would hope to see us fill the church and come together as the Body of Christ.

Yours in the Risen Lord,

Fr. Paul