



St. Olymphia Orthodox Church  
Norwood, NY 13668  
Orthodox Church in America  
Diocese of NY and NJ



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Glory to Jesus Christ!

What a year it has been! We first worshipped in the “new building” last December and have not stopped since. Each week and month that has gone by has included steps to make the building feel more like home. What began with us feeling like we were invading a protestant church space has now turned into us maintaining and operating a fully functioning Orthodox Church. I am confident that if you attend services you will undoubtedly feel that you are in an Orthodox space with all the sights, sounds, and smells that are familiar to us all. We plan to keep moving forward as best we can, reaching out to the local community and serving the North Country. If you have not been to the church yet, then please make it a point to come by.

This is the time of year when we traditionally remind our parishioners of their responsibility to the Church - that of being good stewards. However, I would like to use this opportunity to invite you to come together in worship and prayer. I am confident that we can keep the lights on when it is dark and the heat on in when it is cold but we want to see you in church. The Church is the Body of Christ and we need all of its members.

If you are getting this letter, then you are a part of this parish and we want to see more of you. For too long now, our society has been actively trying to avoid coming together. But gathering in worship, prayer and fellowship is essential to our salvation. We each need each other.

For example:

We all have had a part of our body injured at some point in our lives. That is the time that we realize how important that part of our body is. When it is not fully functioning, we see how much we depend on it. Imagine if that part of your body was removed or missing? Then how well would you function? You might learn to live without it, but you would not be complete and fully functioning. The Church is to be thought of in a similar manner. Christ is the head and the Church is His body and we are each all vital members of that body, of the Church. The Church is not the building, priest, or a few parishioners. It is the fullness of the Body of Christ. If you think you are an insignificant member, you are wrong, there is no such thing.

I only ask for the sake that our parish, which is a non-profit organization, needs to have a budget for 2022 that includes Pledges. I would like you to think about this after you consider how you

can strengthen the Body of Christ. Of course, you can mail in your pledge, but I ask that try to return the attached *in person*.

I am thankful for all that you have done to support this church and ask for your continued support so that we can remain and grow as an Orthodox beacon in the North Country for those Orthodox in the area and for those that are yet to discover that Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Paul Fedoroff

If you are unable to return the portion below in person, then please mail it to our PO Box:

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PO Box 122  
Canton, NY 13617

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