



SAINTS PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
 21 EVERGREEN RD. LYNDORA, PA. 16045

SCHEDULE OF LIVE STREAM SERVICES

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 APRIL 8 – APRIL 20, 2020

Date	Feast	Service	Time
April 8 Wed.	Martyr Euphrosyne of Caesarea in Cappadocia	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	9:00 am
April 11 Sat.	Lazarus Saturday. Hieromartyr Antipas	Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 am
	St. Basil the Confessor Bishop of Parium	Great Vespers	6:00 pm
April 12 Sun.	Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem - <u>Palm Sunday</u>	Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	10:00 am

HOLY WEEK

April 15 Wed.	Great and Holy Wednesday Aristarch & Pudens (of 70)	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	9:00 am
April 16 Thur.	Great and Holy Thursday Virgin Martyr Agape	The Mystical Supper Liturgy of St. Basil the Great	9:00 am
	The office of the Holy and redeeming Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ	The Twelve Passion Gospels	6:00 pm
April 17 Fri.	Hieromartyr Simeon, Bishop of Persia	Vespers with removal of the shroud	6:00 pm
April 18 Sat.	Ven. John, disciple of Ven. Gregory of Decapolis (9 th c.)	Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great	9:00 am
April 19 Sun.	<u>HOLY PASCHA</u> – THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST		7:00 am
April 20 Mon.	Bright Monday	Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:00 am

All service will be on FaceBook Live (Sts. Peter and Paul Page)

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April 7th, 2020

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***** PARISH NEWS AND UPDATES *****

As time has progressed, we now understand fully that the restrictions forced upon our lives by the COVID19 pandemic and the orders of federal, state and local governments are not going away any time soon. Therefore, after getting a regulations from our hierarchs, I am saddened to inform you that the present directives will continue through the Feasts of Palm/Willow Sunday and the Resurrection of our Lord. We will celebrate the Liturgies and other liturgical services on these Holy Days, but behind closed doors, only with priest and cantor at the Church. There are some things that we will do for in order to provide all our faithful with at least some of the symbols of the Great Feasts, so that you are somewhat comforted by the loss of community liturgical worship.

PALM/WILLOW DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated with the blessing of Palm/Willows, behind closed doors. These blessed symbols of our Lord's triumphant Entrance into Jerusalem should be retained by you in Church to be distributed on that first Sunday, when we are all gathered together, once again, in our parish churches to worship together – regardless of the time of year it comes. **This late distribution THEN BECOMES A SYMBOL OF OUR OWN TRIUMPHANT ENTRANCE - OUR RETURN INTO OUR BELOVED PARISH TEMPLES FOLLOWING SAFE PASSAGE THROUGH THE PANDEMIC THREAT TO OUR LIVES.** The distribution of the branches to the faithful should be done as they enter church on that Sunday and before the Divine Liturgy begins, the entire congregation, led by Rev. Fathers, shall join together, holding the branches high above their heads, in the singing of the Palm/Willow Sunday Tropar (Tone 1) "Giving us before Your Passion an assurance of the general resurrection..." - followed by the Paschal Tropar: CHRIST IS RISEN! ХРИСТОС БОКРЕС!

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: All the liturgical services of Holy Week may be celebrated by behind closed doors. For those expressing a desperate need to participate in Penance and the Eucharist for health reasons, I may schedule a visit to their homes – if the priest in good health and feel unthreatened by the situation. Otherwise, priest visits of these individuals may be schedule to the parish church, if they are able, with no more than one person per hour and after sanitizing the space after each visitor.

BLESSING OF PASCHAL BASKETS: This tradition is one of the most treasured by all our faithful celebrating the FEAST OF FEASTS. There are, however, just two possible methods, during this difficult time, to conduct this blessing – primarily out of complete caution and because of the severe shut-in orders of state and local governments. It must be noted that either of these will be permitted ONLY this year because of the pandemic threat besieging us.

During our live-streaming Paschal-Resurrection services, then following the dismissal of the Paschal Divine Liturgy, you the Fr. Yurii will place his own basket on the visible space in Church and encourage all of our faithful to gather their families around their own baskets at home.

Fr. Yurii will then read the Paschal Blessing Prayers and sprinkle his basket with Holy Water. At the same time, you should sprinkle your baskets at home, in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, with the Holy Water you have received in Church on the Feast of Epiphany/Theophany. Fr. Yurii also will send a copy of the Paschal Blessing prayers to all of your parish family members so that they are able to read them together as a family before the blessing.

For those who are not able to watch live-stream of Pascha-Resurrection services, then Fr. Yurii will send a copy of the Paschal Blessing Prayers to all of our parish family members, notifying them of the approximate time he will begin the blessing of your own basket following Divine Liturgy and invite them to gather with their families in their homes at that same time to read the prayers together, following which they will then sprinkle their baskets, in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, with the Holy Water they received on the Feast of Epiphany/Theophany.

Also, all the services, from palm Sunday through holy week, Pascha and bright Monday-Tuesday, will be live streamed from St. Andrew Ukrainian orthodox memorial church at the spiritual center of our church in South Bound Brook, NJ. The scheduled times for all these services will be published on Facebook and our church. The live stream will definitely be offered on UOCofUSA church's Facebook page. Also there may be able to live stream on UOCofUSA YouTube page as well.

IMPORTANT! As was announced before, our pirohi sale and bake sale will be canceled due to the coronavirus until the further notice. This does not bode well for our parish finances. Now and in the coming days, many people in our area will also be struggling financially due to their places of employment being closed. Please keep your eyes and ears open for any opportunity to help those in need, if you are able. Also be sure to pray for all the people who have been negatively affected by the pandemic.

PLEASE NOTE, if there is a need for confession or home visit, you will need to inform Fr. Yurii and after this the time and day will be appointed for home visit or for confession at the parish Church of Sts. Peter and Paul!

*******REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK*******

Dear brothers and sisters, we are now in a period of difficult trials, and it is the best time for a person to reflect on the most important, the meaning of our life. In Psalm 90, King David said: "The length of our days is seventy years— or eighty if we are strong— yet their pride is but labor and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away" because it is in the difficult moments of our lives that we turn to God in despair. The church has always been with people, which is why we have many prayer traditions and practices that are fulfilled in the needs of people; through prayer, we call on God to protect us, our lives, our children, we serve prayer services in different needs, we read the Akathists to the saints, we bless our homes, and cars so that all around us are holy because we are called to holiness!

The one thing that humans are struggling with the most is fear of death because we are created to live forever and death is not natural for us and also God did not create death, a man received it through sin. In Psalm 51, again we hear the words of the prophet David: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me"; therefore, we must understand that in

order to be heard we need repentance and humility! We are in a period of fasting, the Holy Fathers call this time - spring for the soul because it is fasting and prayer that renews the awakening and helps us grow spiritually. Thus, knowing and understanding that the sins of mankind lead to illnesses, viruses, and death, let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins and for the cleansing of our souls and hearts, and the Lord hearing our prayers and our faith will forgive us and help us in a difficult time! Amen

PRAYER IN TIME OF CORONAVIRUS



O Lord Jesus Christ, in Your loving care, You traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.

O Master and Lord, our Savior, Healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

For You are a Merciful and Loving God, and to you we give glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen

MAY CHRIST OUR GOD GRANT TO HIS SERVANTS ALL OF THE FAITHFUL OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ALL OUR VISITORS TODAY, PEACE, HEALTH AND SALVATION AND MAY HE SAFEGUARD AND KEEP US ALL FOR MANY YEARS!