



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

SCHEDULE OF LIVE STREAM SERVICES

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APRIL 25 – MAY 3, 2020

Date	Feast	Service	Time
April 25 Sat.	ANTIPASCHA. 2nd Sunday of Pascha – Tone 1 St. Thomas Sunday	Great Vespers	6:00 pm
April 26 Sun.		Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom: Acts. 5:12-20, John 20:19-31	10:00 am
May Sat.2	3rd Sunday of Pascha – Tone 2. Holy Myeehbearing Women Ven. Theodosius, Abbot of the Kiev Caves	Great Vespers	6:00 pm
May 3 Sun.		Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom: Acts. 6:1-7, Mark 15:43-16:8	10:00 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 for now. Therefore, after getting a regulations from our hierarchs, I am saddened to inform you that the present directives will continue until the further order. We will celebrate the Liturgies and other liturgical services behind closed doors, only with priest and cantor at the Church. Please,

keep watching our live stream services on our Facebook page which is going to be streamed from our Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church parish.

PLEASE NOTE: even if you do not have your own Facebook page (account), you could paste this link - [facebook.com/UOCLyndora/videos](https://www.facebook.com/UOCLyndora/videos) on your web browser of our Facebook page, and you should be able to watch us in your web browser.

As was announced before due to coronavirus, our pirohi sale will be canceled until June and after it until further notice. 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. After you have cared for your fellow people, please consider donating a little extra to your parish in the next few weeks for the need of the parish to maintain parish expenses during this time!

We as Church family looking forward for summer time thought which we are planning on making different food sales and projects that will help us with reaching out people in the area as well as our financial status. As soon as all the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic end, we ask all of our parish members to take an active role in parish life and support Christ Church taking different responsibilities to maintain Church life, and to glorify God; in the same way, it will help us on our way of coming closer to God by evangelizing true Word of God into the world.

We all are aware of how much we as a Church family miss our Church Services and especially the need of participation in the Holy Mystery of Holy Eucharist receiving the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We pray that you stay healthy and joyful throughout this time of uncertainty, and looking forward get together in our temple and worshiping and glorify God as soon as possible!

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 Ss. Peter and Paul!

*****REFLECTION FOR THESE WEEKS*****

Second Week of Pascha - Apostle Thomas



The name "ANTIPASCHA" (which means "instead of Pascha") is due to the fact that this day is the first Sunday of the whole year in which the event of the Resurrection of Christ is remembered. The service of this day is connected with the remembrance of two appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ to the apostles - in fact, in the evening of the Holy Resurrection (to the ten apostles, the apostle Thomas was absent) and after eight days to the eleven apostles, among whom was the apostle Thomas, who said before: if I did not see in His arms wounds from nails, and I will not put my finger in the wounds of nails, and I will not put my hands in His ribs, I will not believe (John 20, 25). This appearance of Christ to the apostles and the touch of wounds by his apostle Thomas affirms faith in the truth of the Resurrection of Christ and resembles the covenant of the Savior Himself: blessed are those who have not seen and

believed (John 20, 29). Also, it testifies to the power of the One for whom there are no barriers in the closed doors and in any human strength. In the week of Antipascha, during worship, we hear Troparion: From the sealed tomb, You shone forth, O Life! Through closed doors, You came to Your Disciples, O Christ God. Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit, by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Third Week of Pascha - Holy Myrrh-bearing Women



On this Sunday, the Church remembers the holy myrrh-bearing women: Mary Magdalene, Maria Cleopova, Solomia, Joanna, Martha and Mary, Susanna, and others, as well as the righteous Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus - the secret disciples of Christ. On this day, the Church again supplies us at Calvary at the Cross of Christ, from which His Blessed Body is removed, Joseph and Nicodemus at the sepulcher, where they lay the Body of Jesus Christ and where then the myrrh-bearing women who came to anoint the Body with aromatic oils are the first to receive the Resurrection of Lord our God (Mark 15, 43–46; 16, 1–8). The gospel shows us that faith and zeal are not without reward - the grace of God precedes those who seek God.

Following the example of the holy myrrh-bearing women, we must warm in our hearts a truly selfless love for our Savior, so that, as the apostle says (Romans 8.38–39), nothing can excommunicate us from Him - neither present nor future, neither life, nor death, nor angels, nor humans. In addition, just as holy women, wounded by fierce grief at the sight of the crucified Lord, sought and found comfort in His own tomb, so every Christian soul should seek comfort in sorrows at the tomb and cross of his Savior.

Glorifying the myrrh-bearing women, the Church glorifies them with the words of the Troparion: The Angel came to the myrrh-bearing women at the tomb and said: “Myrrh is fitting for the dead, but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: ‘The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.’”

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