



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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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 JUNE 21 – JUNE 29, 2020

Date	Feast	Service	Time
June 21 Sun.	2nd Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1. All Saints of America, Martyr Julian of Tarsus	Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom: Rom, 2:10-16, Heb. 11:33-12:2 Matt, 4:18-23, Matt. 4:25-5:12	9:00 am
June 24 Wed.	Nativity of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John	Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom: Rom. 13:11-14:4, Luke 1:1-25, 57- 68,76,80	9:00 am
June 27 Sat.	3rd Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2. Translation of the Relics of Holy Cyrus and John	Great Vespers	6:00 pm
June 28 Sun.		Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom: Rom. 5:1-10, Matt. 6:22-33	9:00 am
June 29 Sun.	The Holy, glorious, and all- praised leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul	Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom: 2 Cor.11:21-12:9, Matt. 16:13-19	9:00 am

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

Dear brothers and sisters! Once again I would like to remind you that we have received the blessing of the Council of Bishops to resume liturgical services in our Sts Peter and Paul UOC! On the coming Sunday of Pentecost, we will officially open the door of our parish for all our parishioners. PLEASE, before going to the church make sure you have read all the responsibilities and rules that applied for the church visit during these days!

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 to maintain our parish financial stable as for now any kind of activity (sales etc.) is forbidden because of the pandemic.

We as Church family looking forward for summer time thought which we are planning on making different food sales, festivals, 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.

PLEASE NOTE, if there is a need for confession, memorial service at the cemetery 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!

On behalf of the parish family, I would like express our gratitude and thank you to Eric for cleaning the carpet at our church, it looks fantastic!

Eric Prokopchak
Freelance Handyman
724-602-6788
Honest Work. Low Cost. Job Done!



Hours: Sunday - Closed Monday - Thursday, 9am-5pm
Friday, 9am-5pm Saturday, 10am-5pm

New Vestments and altar covers for our Church Campaign

People by their nature are taking care of the places where they live and spend most of their time cleaning, renewing, and trying to make a nice, pleasant, and comfortable atmosphere for themselves. We as Christians are responsible for the beauty and look of the place where we are worshiping and glorifying God. We come to the point when we need to add and renew some of our Church covers (vestments, veils), covers for the altar, altar boys vestments, and priest vestments because some of them is already worn out and is impossible to clean.

The temple where we pray should be beautiful in which Christians feel the presence of God during worship. Since ancient times, from the Old Testament times, people have decorated Temple with the best fabrics, products from noble species of trees, and precious metals. Therefore, we can confidently say that the vestments of the church are a visible sign of gratitude to God and reverence for Him for the various blessings that a person receives in abundance. The priest's vestments are the beauty of the Holy Liturgy and an integral part of it because the vestments of the priest and those who are in the altar— is the face of the church, it should arouse purity of thoughts among the parishioners, respect for the shrines of the Church, raise a person's thoughts for mystery, filling everyone with spiritual purity.

Therefore, during the board meetings, we have decided to do this campaign and ask if somebody would like to make donation for the new whole set of the whole sets: Church, altar boys, and priest vestments. As for now, we are planning on yellow and white colors as they on the essential for the liturgical year. We are planning on ordering vestments from Ukraine because of the good quality and relatively cheap price for it.

Price for the orders of vestments:

- Church vestments for the whole Church
(everything that we usually cover with vestments) - 185\$
- Altar boys vestments: 5 pairs – 275\$
- Priest vestments including: the Sticharion, the Epitrachelion,
the Belt, the cuffs, and the Phelonion – starts from 300\$ for set

Please note, the price is not 100% accurate because it all depends on many things such as: material, sizes and other. If you have desire to make your donation, please let anybody from board member or Fr. Yurii know. Thank you!

St. Peter's Fast



How do we spend St. Peter's Fast? Even though no one can not attend all the services but during St. Peter's lent we should go to church more often and participate in worship and mysteries as much as we can. First of all, these are Saturday and Sunday services. During Lent, it is necessary that at least one day be dedicated to the Sacrament of Confession and Communion. There can be no excuse for lack of time. It all depends on our attitude to faith. Fasting lasts two weeks, and in order to come to the temple at least a few times during this time, minimal effort is required. By depriving ourselves of these few times, we deprive ourselves not only of the beauty and depth of Orthodox worship but also of what gives our lent meaning.

Abstinence from animal foods (meat, butter, cheese, eggs, etc.) is not an exclusively Christian practice: it is present in other religions, doctors also deal with these questions of diet, and finally, people can "fast" for economic reasons. What is the peculiarity of Christian fasting? Fasting as a physical deprivation or restriction of food is absolutely useless without a spiritual component. The spiritual side of fasting is that we direct all our fasting deeds to God.

We must fast for God's sake. We must feel His presence in our souls through relief for the body. Fasting and prayer expel from us all that is bad and unclean. However, here it is important to soberly calculate your spiritual strength and physical capabilities, so as not to start excessively strict fasting, then after weakness and completely leave the fast.

Finally, we are required to live a life that is not the opposite of Lent. In the old days in Orthodox countries, society itself created a Lenten atmosphere, obeying the well-known rhythm of life, certain rules: it reminded of a special, fasting ringing of church bells, all entertainment establishments were closed, stopped worldly receptions. We do not live in Orthodox society. The world we live in, the world around us, does not change during Lent. Therefore, we need a special effort, we need to rethink the relationship between religious life and its external manifestations. This primarily applies to the family. It is at home, in the family, not at school and not even in the church, that the foundation is formed, the core of a person's worldview, which is especially important for children. Our lives are full of information, the whole world enters our homes from TV screens. And little by little the elementary experience of inner life, the beauty of the real world simply disappear, a person becomes unable to enjoy the silence, loses the ability to concentrate on prayer, and to pray in general. However, the silence created by the absence of worldly noise should not be emptiness. Our soul is nourished by prayer, but our minds also need food. It would be good to make a list of spiritual books in advance that would be useful to read and help us grow in our faith. The Lent Church expects us to enrich our spiritual and mental inner world and therefore bring us closer to Christ and heaven.

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