



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

SCHEDULE OF LIVE STREAM SERVICES

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JUNE 6 – JUNE 14, 2020

Date	Feast	Service	Time
June 6 Sat.	8th Sunday of Pascha - Tone 7 HOLY PENTECOST, FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY	Great Vespers for feast for Pentecost	6:00 pm
June 7 Sun.		Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom: Acts. 2:1-11, John 7:37-52;8:12	10:00 am
June 8 Mon.	Day of the Holy Spirit	Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom: Eph. 5:9-19, Matt. 18:10-20	10:00 am
June 13 Sat.	1st Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 8. All Saints Prophet Elisha, St. Methodius	Great Vespers	6:00 pm
June 14 Sun.		Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom: Heb. 11:33-12:2, Matt. 10:32-33,37- 38;19:27-30	10:00 am

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

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

Dear brothers and sisters! With great joy, I would like to announce 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! All the information you will find at the other document attached in the email!

ONLIVE SERVECES! We still are going to do the online services via Facebook page of Sts Peter and Paul UOC! 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, 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!

HOLY PENTECOST, FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY



The word "helluntai" in Finnish comes from the old Swedish phrase "hælgho Dagher", which translates as "holy days". This feast day received its name because during this period of time was celebrated the end of holy days, that is, Pascha. The roots of the feast day go back to the distant past, several thousand years ago. In ancient times, the festival was widespread in the Middle East. Its main theme was thanksgiving for the first harvest, which was expressed by making a sacrifice to the gods. In Jewish tradition, the holiday acquired a fixed date and began to be celebrated seven weeks after Pascha. In addition, the feast has a new name - "Shavuot", which is translated as "The festival of weeks". Harvesting began on Pascha with the harvest of barley and ended with the harvesting of wheat on Shavuot Day, which we today know as the feast of Pentecost.

Detailed instructions on the celebration of the festival of Shavuot we find on the pages of the Old Testament, in the second, third, and fifth books of Moses. Here we see that the main idea of the feast is to thank God for bread and other food that He generously sent to his people. Later, the feast acquired a spiritual side. During the celebration, thanks were offered to God for the Ten Commandments given by Him to the people of Israel, the law received by Moses on Mount Sinai. It is through this law that the people of Israel received from God knowledge of good and evil, pure and unclean, righteous and unrighteous. The words of the Old Testament prayer during the celebration of the holiday contain thanksgiving to God for the food and morality that He sends to man. It is on them that the everyday life of a person depends.

We Christians also celebrate Pentecost seven weeks after Easter. The feast is based on the event described in the book of the Acts of the Apostles when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles on the day of the celebration of the Jewish festival of Shavuot. In the Christian tradition, in contrast to the Jewish tradition, the feast takes on a deeper and more timeless dimension. On this day, the promise given by Christ to his disciples is fulfilled. The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles in the form of tongues of flame. God reveals to people the secret of His nature - He is one, but in three persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God is the Holy Trinity, and we, as Christians, have a part in God through Christ, through whom already at the present time the path to the timeless and eternal, the path to the infinite goodness of God, is revealed to us.

Pentecost - the feast of the fulfillment of the promise. The day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, they spent in prayer and thanksgiving to God. Like the Apostles, we also take part in Pentecost celebratory services. In the Orthodox Church, on the eve of the celebration of the feast of the Holy Trinity, Vespers is performed, on which three passages from the Old Testament (paremia) are read. These passages describe how mankind prepared to receive Christ himself and the Holy Spirit promised by Him. At Vespers, the stichera "The King of Heaven" sounds, with which almost all the services of the Orthodox Church begin, returning us to the events of Pentecost taking place outside of time.

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