



**Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church**

21 Evergreen Rd. Lyndora, PA. 16045

724-287-4448(Church)

724-282-6190 (Hall)

<http://peterandpauloclyndora.itgo.com>

March 29, 2020

Father Yurii Bobko, Pastor

Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Attached

Parish Board President: Robert Prokopchak

Choir Director: Lydia Rudolf

Today's Commemorated Feasts and Saints:

**FOURTH SAUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 8. St. John Climacus** (of the Ladder)

**Liturgy of St. Basil:** Heb.6:13-20

Mark 9:17-31

Eph. 5:9-19(St. John) Matt. 4:25-5-12(St. John)

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

Following the present situation with COVID-19(Coronavirus) all the faithful of the UOC of USA were informed by hierarchs of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church that all our churches are now closed for public worship for the duration of the Coronavirus threat to all of us. They make this decision in consideration of the ever-increasing restrictions being announced daily by federal, state and local government bodies. However, you can keep watching the live stream of Sunday liturgy and Lenten services on our Facebook page which is going to be streamed either from our Sts Peter and Paul parish or St. Andrew Memorial Church and St. Sophia theological Seminary Church located in South Bound Brook! In addition, you can always follow the latest news on the website of our UOC of USA-

<https://www.uocofusa.org/>

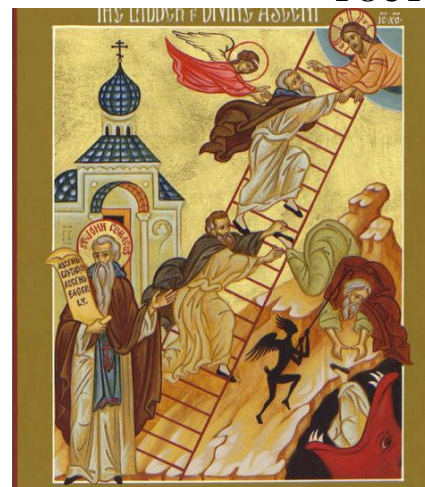
As was announced last week, our pirohi sale and bake sale have been canceled due to the coronavirus. This does not bode well for our parish finances. Now and in the coming days, many people in our area will also be struggling financially due to their places of employment being closed. Please keep your 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. 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!

Today, we as a parish community extend our best wishes and congratulation to Lydia Rudolf as she celebrated her birthday last week on Saturday, March 28. May the Lord our God grant unto her Servant, Lydia, many more blessed and happy years!

Please note, our parish of Sts. Peter and Paul will be open for visits and personal prayer this coming week on Wednesday and Friday 3pm-5pm! If there will be a need for more time, then we will extend the time of visits! **IMPORTANT**, if there is a need for confession, you will need to inform Fr. Yurii and after this the time and day will be appointed for confession at the parish Church of Sts. Peter and Paul!

These days, we are headed into the most dangerous part of the coronavirus threat and we must all be extremely careful. Please take care of yourself, your families, and all your neighbors! Pray each day the powerful words: "The Father is my Hope, the Son is my Refuge and the Holy Spirit is my Protection." The Grace inspired into our lives through each of the Mysteries / Sacraments will enable us to remain faithful. Allow that Grace to work within you every moment of your life so that it will flow forth from you into the lives of all around you. Christ IS amongst us - eternally!

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT**



Today the memory of St. John of the Ladder is commemorating, and I want to write you a few of his words, especially significant for the period of the church year that we are currently experiencing: "Repentance is our return to God, the renewal of our baptism; it is a feat to renew our union with when we can learn humility, that is, peace: peace with God, peace with ourselves, peace with all creation. Repentance arises from hope and a determined rejection of despair. And the repentant is one who deserves to be condemned, but leaves the judgment without shame because repentance is our reconciliation with God. And this is achieved through a worthy life, through a war with sins that we committed in the past. Repentance is the

purification of our conscience. Repentance is a readiness, without a word of grumbling and in the transfiguration of love, to bear all sorrow and all pain." This is another short passage about prayer: "Do not excel in prayer eloquence; because our Heavenly Father is often pleased with the shy, uncomplicated babble of children. When you speak with God do not say much because otherwise, you will be entangled in words. For the word alone, God had mercy on the publican; one word of faith saved the thief on the cross. The verbosity in prayer scatters the mind and fills it with an abundance of images. A single word addressed to God gathers the mind in His presence. And if, when you pray, what word struck you in the heart, reached your very depths, hold on to this word, repeat it, for at such moments the guardian angel himself prays with you, because then we are true and faithful to ourselves and God."

**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!**