



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

## **SCHEDULE OF LIVE STREAM SERVICES**

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 MAY 10 – MAY 17, 2020

<b>Date</b>	<b>Feast</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>May 10 Sun.</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha – Tone 3 Paralytic, Apostle Simeon the Zealot</b>	<b>Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom:</b> Acts. 9:32-42, John 5:1-15	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>May 16 Sat.</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha – Tone 4. Samaritan Woman Apostle Andronicus if the Seventy</b>	<b>Great Vespers</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>May 17 Sun.</b>		<b>Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom:</b> Acts. 11:19-26,29-30, John 4:5-42	<b>10:00 am</b>

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

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

Message from our hierarchs: As your hierarchs, we absolutely cannot in good conscience join in with the chorus of the vocal minority, which is demanding the immediate end to all quarantines and the complete reopening of regular daily life in our cities and states. There is still, quite simply, too much of a threat to all our lives for us to permit significant steps toward the reopening of our churches until we are convinced that the time is right. Our desire is to reopen all our churches at the same time, so that we can proceed with our announced plans for triumphant

re-entry into them. Naturally, we would love to see this happen while we still sing “Christ is Risen” during the Paschal Season – and that may yet happen. Patience, however, is mandatory at the moment. We must simply observe what will happen in those reopened places in terms of the safety of their citizens. There may even be an alternative to opening all our churches at once, in permitting those located in states with significantly lower population and less infection as a percentage of that population. The next two or three weeks may very possibly provide answers to many of our concerns and we will notify you all of future decisions concerning such.

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!

As we have stated to you in our earlier communications: Throughout all this time of threat, illness, concern and anxiety let us remain faithful witnesses of God’s LOVE and COMPASSION for us. Let us in all circumstances pray for His embrace of all humanity. Let us beseech the Mother of God for her protection and that she will intercede with her Son and our God beseeching His healing touch on all our lives. Let us contemplate the two new and greatest commandments of all: *“The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”* (Mark 12:30-31)

### Fourth Week - About Paralytic



On this day in the temples the Gospel passage is read about the miraculous healing of the Lord by the relaxed. He had been ill for 38 years and was waiting for his deliverance near the bathhouse, where once a year the first one who entered it was healed (John 5, 1-14).

This bathhouse was a prototype of the baptismal font granted by Christ, in which more than once a year, and at any time, every believer can be healed, cleansing himself of the filth of sin, and be born for a new life. The five covered passages leading to the bathhouse symbolize the five Books of Moses leading to salvation, that is,

the Jewish Scripture, which, according to the Savior Himself, testifies of Him (John 5, 39). Accordingly, the many patients who lay around the bathhouse, represent the image of the sinful fallen humanity, awaiting the coming of the Messiah and salvation.

The gospel of the relaxed allegorically tells us about the disease of spiritual relaxation. Such relaxation usually comes from despair or laziness and despondency, but it is important to remember that the slightest effort and patience made by the believer in such a situation will not be wasted, because the Lord is all-seeing, and at the moment known to Him, he will certainly open his right hand and say: “Rise and go! ” It is important to remember that the salvation of people is impossible without any effort on the part of the people themselves, for the Kingdom of Heaven is taken by force, and those who use it delight him (Matt. 11, 12).

### Fifth Week - about the Samaritan woman



This week the Church offers us a conversation of Jesus Christ with a Samaritan woman, in which He clearly confessed Himself as the Messiah (John 4, 5–42). By his gracious word, the Lord, who serves “living water, which drains the sources of sins” (the canon of the week), leads the Samaritan woman, and through it many Samaritans, to the confession of His divine greatness and returns them to the true path.

According to legend, the woman whom the Lord met at the well bore the name Photina (Svetlana). She became a Christian and suffered a martyrdom for Christ in Rome in 66. Saint Photina (Svetlana) was a native of Samaria. It was with her that the Lord spoke at the well of Jacob (see: John 4), revealing everything that she had done since childhood. Hearing this, she changed her lifestyle and began to preach the Good News in her land, turning four sisters and two sons.

After the martyrdom of the holy apostles Peter and Paul during the Nero persecution (c. 54), she and her son Josiah (or Joseph) successfully preached the faith in Carthage. Her other son, Victor, after successful battles against the barbarians, was appointed commander and sent by the emperor to Galilee with the order to kill Christians. However, he instead began to preach the faith himself and exhort Christians to be firm. Victor managed to convert the commander

Sevastian and many government officials. Upon learning of this, the emperor ordered to immediately judge them all. But realizing that he could not convince them, he ordered Viktor and Josiah's hands to be cut off on the shoulders and thrown them into prison.

Saint Photina also appeared before the court. She managed to convert the daughter of the emperor and her maidservants, which caused the tyrant's rage - he ordered the saints to be thrown into a red-hot furnace. Divine grace kept them unharmed. Then they were subjected to all kinds of torture and their eyes gouged out. In the casemate infested with poisonous snakes, Christ appeared to him in divine glory, accompanied by the apostles Peter and Paul and a host of angels. He blessed them: "Peace be with you! Blessed are those who believe in Me!" So they got the strength to endure a three-year sentence, during which they converted many pagans.

When they were taken out of prison for new tortures, a Guardian Angel was with them. The tyrant ordered to remove the skin from St. Photina and throw the body into a dry well. The same thing was done with her sons and Sevastian. Depriving their male organs, the martyrs were locked up in an abandoned bathhouse. The other holy wives had their breasts cut off, and then their skin was also torn off. Fotina was tied to the tops of two trees bent to the ground and, having released, was torn to pieces. So, in terrible agony, the souls of saints flew up into the kingdom of heave.

## 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