

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church 21 Evergreen Rd. Lyndora, PA. 16045 724-287-4448 <u>http://peterandpauloclyndora.itgo.com</u> March 1, 2020 Parish Board President: Robert Prokopchak Choir Director: Lydia Rudolf

<u>Today's Commemorated Feasts and Saints</u>: Cheesefare Sunday. Expulsion of Adam & Eve from Paradise. Forgiveness Sunday

Rite of Forgiveness to take place following Divine Liturgy Luncheon at the hall after church today

Sunday March 8, 2020: Divine Liturgy 10 AM

"As we begin the Great Fast, the Church reminds us of Adam's expulsion from Paradise. God commanded Adam to fast (Gen. 2:16), but he did not obey. Because of their disobedience, Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden and lost the life of blessedness, knowledge of God, and communion with Him, for which they were created. Both they and their descendants became heirs of death and corruption."

"Let us begin the time of fasting in light, preparing ourselves for spiritual efforts. Let us purify our soul, let us purify our body. As we abstain from food, let us abstain from all passion and enjoy the virtues of the spirit...."

(Matthew 6:14) If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses.

(Romans 13:11-14:4) The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Today we welcome his Eminence Archbishop Daniel to our parish. We also welcome those who are traveling with him. He is here in Lyndora to meet with our parishioners and discuss how things are going and to discuss with us about what priest may be assigned to our parish. Please join us at the hall for lunch and to engage in these important discussions.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to work at this past week's pirohi sale. We are grateful that so many are able to help our parish in this way. Also, please note that we have been seeking a new volunteer to clean the floors and floor mats after each sale. Contact Rob Prokopchak if you know someone who would like to do this.

Be sure that your calendars are marked for Sunday March 15 for a special parish meeting. The board seeks parishioner approval for one of the bids to repair damage and repaint the interior of the church, which will be over \$20,000. We will have the discussion at the hall during coffee hour on that day.

As you know, Fr. Paisius McGrath has taken leave from our parish. Keep him in your prayers as he goes to serve at Christ The Savior mission parish in McComb, Mississippi for the next six months. His cell phone is the same as before, but if you wish to send him written or emailed correspondence, here is his new address:

Archpriest Paisius R. McGrath 411 W. New York Ave

McComb, MS. 39648-3260

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The Ukrainian Orthodox League has begun their annual essay contest. There is a different topic and guideline for each age group of children, and for adults. Please ask Rose Raith or Rob Prokopchak for the information; the Sunday school students will get copies. They're due on May 2nd, 2020.

Our hierarchs have announced that on Sunday, April 26, 2020, the annual Saint Thomas Sunday Pilgrimage to the Metropolia Center will take place. His Eminence Metropolitan Antony urges people from every parish to please plan to attend. There will be a special midnight service to commemorate the 34th anniversary of the Chornobyl Nuclear Disaster.

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!