

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church 21 Evergreen Rd. Lyndora, PA. 16045 724-287-4448(Church) 724-282-6190 (Hall) <u>http://peterandpauloclyndora.itgo.com</u> March 15, 2020 Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Attached Parish Board President: Robert Prokopchak Choir Director: Lydia Rudolf

## Today's Commemorated Feasts and Saints:

2nd Sunday of Great Lent: St Gregory Palamas

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Today:Divine Liturgy 10 AM<br/>Special parish meeting during coffee hour<br/>Coffee hour by Rose Fenchak, to benefit the GuildMonday, March 16, 2020:Parish Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 PMSunday, March 22, 2020:Divine Liturgy, 10 AM<br/>Coffee hour by Ron & Linda Radio

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The UOC of USA has issued several directives related to the coronavirus pandemic. The full text is available to read at <u>https://uocofusa.org/news\_200313\_1</u>

We have been asked to distribute copies of a special coronavirus prayer to our members, and also to include the prayer as part of Divine Liturgy until the pandemic is over. Please feel free to take a copy from the small table near the door to the nave. The following information is included in the bulletin for your peace of mind and as an FYI: clergy are instructed to clean all liturgical items including utensils, the Gospel book, and hand cross using sanitary or alcohol wipes; clergy and altar servers are to thoroughly wash their hands upon entering the altar area; those cutting the holy bread must use a food-safe cleaning wipe to cleanse the cutting knife, cutting board, and bread bowl, and also wear food-handling gloves; clergy are instructed not to offer any of the usual items for veneration; holy bread is to be distributed by the clergy using a cleaned hand. Holy Communion is to be received as normal, noting that it is not possible to transmit disease via the contents of the chalice: the precious and life-giving body and blood of Jesus Christ. We also strongly advise everyone to be mindful of preventing the spread germs when you're coughing, sneezing, or touching people or objects. If you feel like you might be ill or might have a fever, please consider staying at home to take care of your health before you go out anywhere.

Again, we are thankful to everyone who came to help work at the pirohi sale this past week. The parish **bake sale** is scheduled to have pickup on March 31 and April 1. We look forward to seeing everyone who is able to come and volunteer at this important fundraiser.

Our parish semi-annual meeting was tentatively scheduled for March 29, 2020. Most of you know that our by-laws require an annual meeting, but do not require the semi-annual. Our board president has declared that we will not have the meeting this year, citing the hubbub and exhaustion related to changing pastors, the meeting's proximity to the bake sale, and also an advisement from our hierarchs to postpone parish gatherings due to the coronavirus. Financial reports are typically distributed to our membership at a meeting at the start of a new calendar year. While members have the right to view this information at any time, they are encouraged to ask for copies of the 2019 reports and to pose any questions they may have to board members. Members of the parish are also welcome to come to any board meeting if they wish to give input or ask questions to the whole board at once.

## Help needed:

-We are still searching for a new volunteer to clean the floors after each pirohi sale. -Our annual financial audit needs to be completed; the audit committee requires 3 members. -This week, we will be doing the final cleanup and preparation for Fr. Yurii and Pani Olha to move in to the parish house. We especially need folks who can help move furniture. **Please notify a board member if you or someone you know will volunteer to help in any of these ways! ASAP, PLEASE!** 

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!