



Comparing Šiauliai Orthodox st. Apostles Peter and Paul's Church and Catholic st. Apostles Peter and Paul's Cathedral

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| Catholic st. Apostles Peter and Paul's Cathedral | Orthodox st. Apostles Peter and Paul's Church |
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Buildings

Location



In the years 1863-1936 both churches stood next to each other, but in 1936 the Orthodox church was removed several hundred meters North to the cemetery.



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| History | |
| Built in 1625 but devastated by wars. Completely renovated in recent years. | Built in 1863. Dismantled and rebuild in another location in 1936. |
| Architectural Styles | |
| The Renaissance | The Byzantine |
| Decorations | |
| Not many pictures, simple décor, white color is dominant. | A lot of pictures, luxurious décor elements, very colorful. |
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| Main Altars | |
| Always visible | Visible only during ceremonies |
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| Side altars | Icons |
| There are few side altars. Priests hold mass there. | There are many icons with images of saints. |
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Cross

Simple cross



Cross with additional line



Confessionals

Confessionals in both sides of the church.



Confessional near the main altar.



Organs

Organs most commonly metal, luxurious. Although it came from paganism, but it is now considered Catholic church holy instrument.

Organs are common in orthodox churches but in this small church there was no organs only a place for the church choir.



Behavioral Rules

Making the sign of the Cross

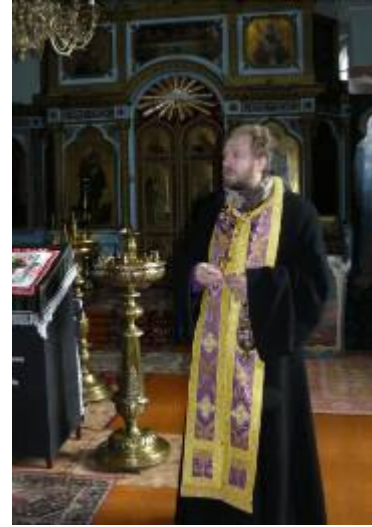
Making the sign of the cross from left to right.

Making the sign of the cross from right to left.

Clothing of priests

Catholic priests during Mass wear black cassocks with albs and tippets (sort of tippet depends on events in church). Priests must always wear stiff white clerical collars. Their casual clothes are usually dark.

Orthodox priests also wear black cassocks and tippets. Orthodox priests attribute is massive golden Orthodox cross. Their religious outfit is more luxurious than catholic. Tippets have shiny golden accents.



Clothing of people

There are no specific clothing requirements for clothing of people in catholic churches. However both women and men should avoid too casual clothes.

Both women and men should dress modestly but not casually. Women are not allowed to wear tight tops, or clothes with only straps at shoulders, shorts, mini skirts, jeans, tight dresses, jeans or trousers
For men wearing a tie or coat is not necessary. Shirts must be with collars and be buttoned to collar. Jeans for men are too casual for church. Men are not allowed to wear shorts.

Rules for people

Men should take off their hats when they are in church.
When you enter the church and go in front of main altar you must kneel and make the sign of the Cross.
When you enter the church you must moisten your fingers with sanctified water and make the sign of the Cross.

Whenever the priest is outside the Holy Altar either with the censer or for giving a blessing, there should be no movement in the church.
Women must wear scarf when they are in church.
Only men can go near the Holy Altar.