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Living With Our and Others' Religions
Together in Diversity



Questionnaire

Location:

Lithuania	Kuršėnai Pavenčiai Secodary School	LT-02
Country	School	Serial number

Photos



Description

St. Apostles Peter and Paul's Orthodox Church is the only Orthodox Church in Šiauliai County. It is a very small church, now in this Orthodox Church worship takes place 3 times a week to meet over 100 believers.

First St. Apostles Peter and Paul's Orthodox Church was built in 1863 in Šiauliai city center, near the catholic St. Apostles Peter and Paul's cathedral. During the World War I there was a military hospital. Later the church was restored into the parish. However, the city government decided to move the church in order to establish there a town square. The Orthodox Church had to be removed. So in 1936 the Orthodox Church was built in the cemetery, several hundreds meters away from Siauliai city centre. In 1937 the parish had 1832 believers. At present the number is much smaller and people of mainly Russian nationality attend it.

Position of the object

St. Apostles Peter and Paul's Orthodox Church is located in Rygos street, 500 metres from the city centre next to the old cemetery.



Size

Height – about 15 m, length – about 18 m, width – about 12 m.

Materials

The church is made of stone, concrete and bricks. The altars are wooden.

Date of building/
epoch:

The church was built in 1863.

Architect/
artist:

Not known.

Renovation,
restoration
(when, by whom,
who paid, why?):

During the World War I the church was converted into the military hospital. In 1936 the Orthodox Church was moved to the cemetery several hundred meters north. The church was dismantled brick by brick and then built again in a bit smaller size and without the bell tower. The rest of the bricks were used to build a rectory.



Interior

