



**Saint Michael Byzantine Catholic Church**  
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## **SS. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church**

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## **Christ is Born! Glorify Him!**

### **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**Week of January 6, 2019 --- Feast of the Theophany**

Sat. 1/5	Palmerton	4:00 PM	<b>Divine Liturgy with Blessing of the Water Intention of our Parish</b>
Sun. 1/6	Allentown	10:00 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy with Blessing of the Water +Nicholas Yackanicz</b>
Mon. 1/7	Allentown	7:45 AM	<b>+Nicolas Skimbo</b>
Tues. 1/8	Allentown	7:45 AM	<b>+Barry Mondichak</b>
Thur. 1/10	Allentown	7:45 AM	<b>+George Davidowich</b>
Sat. 1/12	Palmerton	4:00 PM	<b>+Anna and +John Samok</b>
Sun. 1/13	Allentown	10:00 AM	<b>+Charles Hysick</b>

**Confessions:** Palmerton Saturday 3:30 PM, Allentown Sunday 9:00 AM, or by appointment

**Baptisms and Weddings:** See Father Stepan

**Reducing Spending:** We, with your help, are investigating all possible ways to reduce expenses in our parish. If you can assist by offering suggestions, we are most grateful.

**Reception of the Holy Eucharist** --- The proper manner for receiving the Holy Eucharist is as follows: Please tilt your head back, do not extend your tongue, and the priest will place the Eucharist onto the orifice of your mouth with the communion spoon without making any contact. It is inappropriate to touch the communion spoon when receiving Holy Communion.

Saint Michael the Archangel,  
 defend us in battle.  
 Be our defense against the wickedness and snares  
 of the Devil.  
 May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
 and do thou,  
 O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
 by the power of God,  
 thrust into hell Satan,  
 and all the evil spirits,  
 who prowl about the world  
 seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Collections Report	
Allentown offerings	1,950.00
Total Expenses	
Offerings vs. Expenses	
Script Cards	600.00
Church Cleaning 2018	3,000.
Palmerton Offerings	205.00
Total Net Income 2018	-84,337.38
Offerings vs. Expenses	
<b>Allentown Bills 2018: Janitorial and Grass Cutting: \$5,208.13</b>	
<b>Cemetery Grass Cutting: \$3,442.00</b>	
<b>Palmerton bills paid:</b>	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Gift Cards Fundraiser – Retailers where you shop donate money to our church!** Physical Gift cards will be available every week. Simply shop with Gift Cards purchased through our church and the retailers donate money. Anybody can join our scrip program by going to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) click enroll, and by entering our enrollment code 4E85BLFF48759. See Janice Kavounas for details.

**Volunteers** are needed to help Father Stepan clean the church and center each week. See Fr. Stepan to help.

**House Blessings**--- Please contact Fr. Stepan if you wish to have your home blessed after Theophany.

**Help Needed** to revitalize our parish. Please consider offering your talents to assist your parish. See Fr. Stepan to volunteer.

**2019 Church Envelopes** - Some boxes have not yet been claimed. We ask that everyone complete a census form as we need to update our membership rolls. If you need a box of envelopes, please see Fr. Stepan.

**Thank You** to Mike Samok for faithfully and cheerfully caring for our Palmerton parish over decades at no cost to the church. Your love for your church is inspiring!

**Current Salaries:** Fr. Stepan (\$2,300.00/ monthly); Fr. Peter (\$500.00/monthly)

**Help Us:** We are currently seeking: 1) Bids to shovel snow and plow our parish plant; 2) Bids to cut grass surrounding parish plant during the cutting months; 3) Bids to cut grass in cemetery during the cutting season. Please provide names and telephone numbers to Fr. Stepan.

**Bible Study** --- We are in processing of creating adult Bible Study classes. Details to be announced.