

**Saint Michael the Archangel & Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Churches**

*"I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." 1 Corinthians 2:2*

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**Confessions:**  
Saturdays [P] 3:15-3:45 PM  
Sundays: [A] 9:00-9:30 AM  
and by appointment  
Baptisms and Weddings:  
See Father Frank

*If you are looking for a spiritual home, please know you are always welcome to be a part of our Parish Family.*  
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**Prayer List: In your kindness, please remember the following persons in prayer:** Carol Baran, John & Alicia Sefcik, Shirley Balascak, Loretta Brosky, Antoinette DeFronzo,, Dolores Flannery, Theresa Pinto, Patrice Danyluk, Hoyt Walter, Rosalie Walter, Kristin & Bobbie Di Giacomo & family, The Mehalshick Family, Doris Smicker & family, Peter Skimbo & Family, Nicholas Yackanicz, Josephine Wilk, Stephen Wursta, Maryann Wilk, Barry Hoffman, Chet Greene, Deacon Lewis Rabayda, Father Diodoro Mendoza, Josephine Hanincik. Members of our Parish Families, Father Frank and his family.

**From the Saints**

Let all involuntary suffering teach you to remember God, and you will not lack occasion for repentance.

+ St. Mark the Ascetic

Wherever God is — there is peace. And the opposite is self-evident: where there is envy, enmity, impatience, self-love — there is the devil. Wherever the devil is — there, everything is ruinous, proud and hostile.”

+ St. Anatoly of Optina

A man can never learn what divine power is while he abides in comfort and spacious living.”

+ St. Isaac the Syria

“It is not difficult to get rid of material things if you so desire; but only with great effort will you be able to get rid of thoughts about them...” + St. Thalassios the Libyan,

- Saint Nicholas -



The Saint Nicholas Celebration will be on Sunday, December 6 from 8:00 to 9:30 AM. A free breakfast will be served at the parish center. All parishioners are invited to the breakfast for food and fellowship. Saint Nicholas will make his annual appearance to visit with the children.

**Stewardship Appeal:** The annual eparchial stewardship

appeal is ongoing. The goal for Palmerton is \$1000.00 and for Allentown \$10,000.00. Your contributions help to fund the proclamation of the Gospel through youth camps, World Youth Day subsidies, education of deacons and other programs. The parishes will receive a 40% rebate if we make or exceed our goals. Last year both parishes exceeded the goals. Thank you for your generosity in promoting the Gospel through your contributions to this appeal.

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Each new possession tends to become a further complication in our already complex lives. We are sometimes quite relieved when we rid ourselves of some of them. More often, however, our fallen human nature tends to cling to these complications in the hope that they will somehow bring us happiness.

Jesus knew that except for the work of the Holy Spirit, the human heart is deeply self-centered. People do not want to focus on God; they are more concerned with the things of the world than with life everlasting. Jesus has called us to a life which is just the opposite, a life which attends first to the Father's business, trusting him to provide for our needs.

In the account by St. Athanasius (c. 296-373) of the life of St. Anthony of Egypt (c. 251-356), we read that Anthony was challenged by Jesus' words on wealth:

He felt that the words of the Gospel had been directed to him. He hurried out and made a gift of his inheritance ... to the villagers, for he did not want himself and his sister to be held back by property. He sold the rest of his goods and gave the money to the poor, except for a small sum which he reserved for his sister.

Entering the church on another occasion, he heard the Lord saying in the Gospel: "Be not anxious for tomorrow." He could stay no longer and went off to give to the poor even the little money he had kept back. He placed his sister with some trustworthy nuns who would bring her up. Then, near his own home, he dedicated himself to the ascetic life, and in concern for his own perfection, began an austere way of life. (*Life of St. Anthony*)

What set Anthony apart was that he took the words of the gospel to be directed toward him personally, and he acted on them. We need to do the same. The Lord has given most of us responsibilities which would prevent us from giving up everything as Anthony did. But nothing ought to keep us from surrendering our hearts and minds to God. As we turn to him in prayer, scripture reading, and service to the body of Christ, our desires will be turned away from ourselves and drawn toward God.

<b>Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of November 14 &amp; 15</b>	
<b>Allentown</b>	\$881.00
Total Bills	\$763.39
Offerings Vs. Expenses	<b>+\$117.61</b>
<b>Palmerton</b>	
Total Bills	\$320.00
Total Bills	\$224.91
Offerings Vs. Expenses	<b>+\$95.09</b>
<b>Bills paid this week: Clergy Pension: \$158.33; Heating Oil:\$376.00; Cable/Internet: \$71.06; ECL: \$58.00; Syncellate Fee:\$100.00</b>	
<b>Palmerton: Clergy Pension:\$100.00; PPL(Hall):\$18.41; ECL:\$19.00;Clergy Pension: \$87.50</b>	

**Liturgical Schedule for The Week of November 22, 2015**

**Saturday ~ November 21 Vigil~ 26th Sunday after Pentecost**

4:00 PM [P] For the People

**Sunday ~ November 22 26th Sunday after Pentecost**

10:00 AM [A] +Robert Harold John Grote by Susana Ramos Recinos

**Saturday ~ November 28 Vigil~ 27th Sunday after Pentecost**

4:00 PM [P] For the People

**Sunday ~ November 29 27th Sunday after Pentecost**

10:00 AM [A] +Leann Yackanicz by Nicholas & Gabriella Yackanicz

The readings at the Divine Liturgy for next week are Ephesians 6:10-17  
Luke 13:10-17