

*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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**Liturgical Schedule for
The Week of February 21, 2015**

Saturday ~ February 21
Vigil~ First Sunday of the Fast

4:00 PM [P] Parish Families

Sunday ~ February 22
First Sunday of the Fast

10:00 AM [A] +Margaret Walson by MM
Metro Ketz

Friday ~ February 27

7:00 PM [A] Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday ~ February 28
Vigil~ Second Sunday of the Fast

4:00 PM [P] Parish Families

Sunday ~ March 1
Second Sunday of the Fast

10:00 AM [A] +Veronica M. Andreas by
Daughter, Linda Andreas

***Prayer List: In your kindness, please remember
the following persons in prayer:*** John & Alicia
Sefcik, Shirley Balascak, Loretta Brosky, Antoinette
DeFronzo, Melissa Kavounas, 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, Charles Hysick,
Father Steven Galuschik, Deacon Lewis Rabayda,
Father Diodoro Mendoza, Josephine Hanincik.
Members of our Parish Families, Father Frank and
his family.

From the Saints

A soul arms itself by prayer for all kinds of combat. In
whatever state the soul may be, it ought to pray. A soul
which is pure and beautiful must pray, or else it will lose
its beauty; a soul which is striving after this purity must
pray, or else it will never attain it; a soul which is newly
converted must pray, or else it will fall again; a sinful soul,
plunged in sins, must pray so that it might rise again.
There is no soul which is not bound to pray, for every
single grace comes to the soul through prayer.
--St. Faustina

It is simply impossible to lead, a virtuous life without the
aid of prayer.--Saint John Chrysostom

You pay God a compliment by asking great things of
Him. --St. Teresa of Avila

Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation
for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a
protection against sadness. --St. John Chrysostom

**U.S. Ukrainian bishops urge prayer, fasting for peace
in Ukraine**

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) -- The Ukrainian Catholic bishops
in the United States appealed for daily fasting and prayer
for the citizens of Ukraine, their elected officials and the
Ukrainian army. They also called for prayers for "the
conversion" of pro-Russian separatists in eastern Ukraine
and "for unity and independence" for the nation. The
bishops said they made the appeal in unison with
Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kiev-Halych, Ukraine,
and the other Ukrainian Catholic bishops, who have asked
Catholics in their country to fast and pray daily. On Feb.
12, a new cease-fire agreement was reached, offering
some hope the strife would end. It was to take effect at
the start of Feb. 15. Previous cease-fires have not held.

Last March, Russia annexed the Crimea region of Ukraine, and pro-Russian separatists control
Ukraine's eastern regions. Ukrainian Catholics fled Crimea to escape arrests and property seizures
after the annexation. Most church parishes have closed in Ukraine's war-torn Luhansk and Donetsk
regions, where separatists declared an independent "New Russia" after staging local referendums
last spring. The U.S. Ukrainian Catholic bishops urged Catholics to fast and pause from their daily
activities "for an extended amount of time to reflect and pray for the people of Ukraine."

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During the winter months it can be difficult to get to church because of ice, snow and poor driving
conditions. Please remember that the expenses of running the church continue even when you are
unable to attend Liturgy. Expenses are especially high in the winter because of frequent snow
plowing bills in addition to the normal monthly expenses. Please consider making up your offerings
for the Sundays you are unable to make it to church. There is no need to fill out and turn in
envelopes from weeks when you are absent; just include the make up portion in your next offering.
If you are unable to come to church for an extended period, please consider mailing in your
contribution. *Thanks for your understanding and generosity.*

Pope seeks prayers for Egyptians beheaded by Islamic State

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis called for prayers for the Egyptian Christians beheaded by
Islamic State militants in Libya and asked that God recognize these men killed for their faith. He
offered morning Mass Feb. 17 in the chapel of his residence for the slain Christians he termed "our
21 brother Copts" whose throats had been slit "for the sole reason of being Christians," and he
requested people pray for the victims so "that the Lord welcome them as martyrs." He called on
people to pray as well for the victims' families and for Egypt's Orthodox leader, Pope Tawadros II,
"who is suffering so much." Pope Francis called Pope Tawadros Feb. 16 to express his sorrow over
the deaths. Egypt, meanwhile, continued to mourn its 21 nationals, who had been working in Libya
when the extremist group kidnapped them. Their beheading was depicted in gruesome detail in a
video released Feb. 15 on a pro-Islamic State website. The same evening in a nationally televised
speech, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi called on his country's government to provide full
support to the families of the victims and vowed that Egypt maintained the right to retaliate. Soon
afterward, the Egyptian air force began bombing what it said were Islamic State targets in Libya.

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of February 14 & 15	
Allentown	\$209.00
Total Bills	\$1507.05
Offerings Vs. Expenses	-\$1281.05
Palmerton	\$-
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Bills paid this week: Allentown: Furnace Repair:\$550.00; Fire Inspection: \$132.50; Snow Removal: \$475.00; Plumbing and Misc. Repairs: \$180.00; ECL: \$57.00; Cable/Phone/Internet: \$113.05	
Palmerton: No bills paid this week.	