

*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 March 1, 2015**

**Saturday ~ February 28
Vigil~ Second Sunday of the Fast**

4:00 PM [P] Parish Families
Panachida

**Sunday ~ March 1
Second Sunday of the Fast**

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

**Friday ~ March 6
7:00 PM [A] Presanctified Liturgy**

**Saturday ~ March 7
Vigil~ Third Sunday of the Fast**

4:00 PM [P] Parish Families

**Sunday ~ March 8
Third Sunday of the Fast**

10:00 AM [A] +Paul F. Yaromy by Helen
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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, Marie Hutnick, 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

O Lord, we cannot go to the pool of Siloe to which you sent the blind man. But we have the chalice of Your Precious Blood, filled with life and light. The purer we are, the more we receive." - *St. Ephrem of Syria*

God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar." - *St. Maximilian Kolbe*

Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you - for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart...don't listen to the demon, laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love...Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing... The guest of our soul knows our misery; He comes to find an empty tent within us - that is all He asks. - *St. Therese of Lisieux*

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.**

Coptic Church Recognizes Martyrdom of 21 Coptic Christians

The Coptic Orthodox Church has announced that the murder of the 21 Egyptian Christians killed by the so-called Islamic State in Libya will be commemorated in its Church calendar. Pope Tawadros II announced that the names of the martyrs will be inserted into the Coptic Synaxarium, the Oriental Church's equivalent to the Roman Martyrology. This procedure is also equivalent to canonization in the Latin Church. According to terrasanta.net, the martyrdom of the 21 Christians will be commemorated on the 8th Amshir of the Coptic calendar, or February 15th of the Gregorian calendar. The commemoration falls on the feast day of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple. Militants of the Islamic State released a gruesome video entitled "A Message Signed in Blood to the Nation of the Cross" in which they released a warning saying they were "south of Rome." They then proceeded to behead the Christian men, some of whom were seen mouthing the words "Lord Jesus Christ" moments before their death. While the killings have stirred fears of the



Islamic State's close proximity to Europe, they have also strengthened many in their faith. In an interview with Christian channel SAT-7 ARABIC on Wednesday, Beshir Kamel, brother of two of the Coptic martyrs, even thanked the Islamic State for including their declaration of faith in the videos before killing them. "ISIS gave us more than we asked when they didn't edit out the part where they declared their faith and called upon Jesus Christ. ISIS helped us strengthen our faith," he said. Beshir said that he was proud of his brothers Bishoy and Samuel, saying that their martyrdom was "a badge of honor to Christianity." Kamel's interview with SAT 7-ARABIC went viral, receiving over 100,000 views within hours of its posting online. When asked what his reaction would be if he saw an Islamic State militant, Kamel recalled his mother's response. "My mother, an uneducated woman in her sixties, said she would ask [him] to enter her house and ask God to open his eyes because he was the reason her son entered the kingdom of heaven," Beshir said. *Radio Vatican*

| Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of February 21 & 22 | |
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| Allentown | \$440.00 |
| Total Bills | \$1570.52 |
| Offerings Vs. Expenses | -\$1130.52 |
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| Palmerton | \$- |
| Total Bills | \$- |
| Offerings Vs. Expenses | \$- |
| Bills paid this week: Allentown: Snow plowing (x2): \$610.00; Phone (last bill with Frontier): \$81.22; Phone (Center): \$29.49; Car Insurance:\$705.00; UGI (Center): \$131.31; UGI (Rector):\$13.50 | |
| Palmerton: No bills paid this week No Liturgy last week due to snow. | |