

*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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**Liturgical Schedule for
The Week of July 19, 2015**

**Saturday ~ July 18
Vigil~ Eighth Sunday of Pentecost**

4:00 PM [P] For the People

**Sunday ~ July 19
Eighth Sunday of Pentecost**

9:30 AM [A] +Nicholas Skimbo by
Peter Skimbo

**Saturday ~ July 25
Vigil~ Ninth Sunday of Pentecost**

4:00 PM [P] +Bishop Andrew Pataki

**Sunday ~ July 26
Ninth Sunday of Pentecost**

9:30 AM [A] For the People

The readings at the Divine Liturgy for next week are: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17; Matthew 14:22-44. Why not read ahead and meditate on these reading during the week so they will be more meaningful when you hear them on Sunday?

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, Barry Hoffman, Ann Green, Deacon Lewis Rabayda, Father Diodoro Mendoza, Josephine Hanincik. Members of our Parish Families, Father Frank and his family.

From the Desert

As Abba Macarius was returning to his cell from the marsh carrying palm-leaves, the devil met him with a sharp sickle and would have struck him but he could not. He cried out, "Great is the violence I suffer from you, Macarius, for when I want to hurt you, I cannot. But whatever you do, I do and more also. You fast now and then, but I am never refreshed by any food; you often keep vigil, but I never fall asleep. Only in one thing are you better than I am and I acknowledge that." Macarius said to him, "What is that?" and he replied, "It is because of your humility alone that I cannot overcome you."

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The old men used to say, "When we do not experience [spiritual] warfare, we ought so much the more to humiliate ourselves. For God seeing our weakness, protects us; when we glorify ourselves, he withdraws his protection and we are lost."

Court rules against Little Sisters plea to avoid way to bypass mandate

DENVER (CNS) -- The Little Sisters of the Poor and other religious entities are not substantially burdened by procedures set out by the federal government by which they can avoid a requirement to provide contraceptive coverage in health insurance, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled July 14. In a lengthy opinion that considered arguments raised by the organizations under First Amendment religious rights protections and under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, the court said the groups are not substantially burdened by filing out a form or notifying Health and Human Services via email or a letter that because of their religious-based objections to the mandated coverage, they will not provide it. The ruling is the latest in a string of circuit court decisions finding that nonprofit religious institutions may not be protected from the procedures set out by HHS from complying with what is known as a mandate to provide coverage for a variety of types of contraceptives in employee health insurance. "The departments have made opting out of the mandate at least as easy as obtaining a parade permit, filing a simple tax form, or registering to vote -- in other words, a routine, brief administrative task," wrote Judge Scott M. Matheson Jr. He was joined by two other judges in parts of the ruling. However, Judge Bobby Baldock dissented from the majority's decision that self-insured nonprofit religious employers are no more substantially burdened than those with other types of insurance.

Ukrainian priest says his emotional captivity was worse than physical

LVIV, Ukraine (CNS) -- Ukrainian Catholic Father Tykhon Kulbaka was headed to the chapel in the room rented by the local Catholic community. En route, he stopped at a grocery store, where four men grabbed him, blindfolded him and made him breathe chloroform. That was July 4, 2014. When the priest woke up, he told [Catholic News Service](#), he was "in a small room with a window blurred and walls painted with ugly green color. That reminded me of some Soviet children's camp or sanatorium. In an interview with CNS, the priest recalled his 12 days in captivity and said it was worse emotionally than physically. Father Kulbaka said he knew he was detained for helping to organize an interfaith prayer initiative in the center of Donetsk, which became a headquarter for Russian-backed separatists and various gangs that occupied Eastern Ukraine. The prayer initiative had started the previous February, when interfaith leaders gathered at a tent each day to pray for peace in Ukraine. The tent repeatedly was broken, and organizers were threatened. Other clergy from Eastern Ukraine had been targeted: the Rev. Sergey Kosiak, a Protestant pastor, had been beaten. Another organizer, Polish Father Pawel Witek, had been abducted by pro-Russian militants, and Orthodox Father Pavlo Zhuchenko had been shot dead at a military checkpoint. Father Kulbaka said Rev. Kosiak and a mufti, Said Ismagilov, started negotiations with different gangs to rescue him. Father Kulbaka said that, at the time, he did not know who captured him. He said he suffered cold, sickness and humiliation. The torturers also took away his first-aid kit with medicine for diabetes. He survived three mock executions.

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of July 11 & 12	
Allentown	\$1074.00
Total Bills	\$1106.95
Offerings Vs. Expenses	(-\$32.95)
Palmerton	\$282.00
Total Bills	\$249.10
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$32.90
Bills paid this week: Eastern Catholic Life:\$57.00; Office Equipment: \$673.95; Budget Heating Oil Plan: \$376.00	
Palmerton: Sewer, Water, Trash: \$249.00	