

*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*

Parish Office at:
156 Green St, Allentown, PA * 18102
Telephone ~ 610-432-6773*
Fax ~ 610-841-5176
Fr. Frank A. Hanincik ~ Pastor
Cantor ~ Mr. William Komnath



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.*
stmichaelallentown@ptd.net
byzcatch.org/Allentown

**Liturgical Schedule for
The Week of August 7, 2015**

Saturday ~ August 1
Vigil~ Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday ~ August 2
Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

9:30 AM [A] +Charles Hysick by Anna Hysick

Thursday ~ August 6
Transfiguration of Our Lord

7:00 PM [A] For the People

Saturday ~ August 8
Vigil~ Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday ~ August 9
Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

9:30 AM [A] Healing for Josephine Hanincik by Father Frank

The readings at the Divine Liturgy for next week are: **1 Corinthians 9:2-12** and **Matthew 18:23-35**

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

Abba Ammonas was asked, 'What is the "narrow and hard way?" (mt.7.14) He replied, 'The "narrow and hard way" is this, to control your thoughts, and to strip yourself of your own will, for the sake of God. This is also the meaning of the sentence, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you." (Mt. 19.27) It was said of him that he had a hollow in his chest channeled out by the tears, which fell from his eyes all his life while he sat at his manual work. When Abba Poemen learned that he was dead, he said weeping, 'Truly you are blessed, Abba Arsenius, for you wept for yourself in this world! He who does not weep for himself here below will weep eternally hereafter; so it is impossible not to weep, either voluntarily or when compelled through suffering.' [i.e. the latter suffering in hell]

Abba Elias, the minister, said, 'What can sin do where there is penitence? And of what use is love where there is pride?'

A big thanks to whoever spread mulch around the plant beds on the church property. Your work and generosity is much appreciated!

1. THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

In the third year of His preaching, the Lord Jesus often spoke to His disciples of His approaching passion but at the same time of His glory following His suffering on the Cross. So that His impending passion would not totally weaken His disciples and that no one would fall away from Him, He, the All-wise, wanted to partially show them His divine glory before His passion. For that reason, He took Peter, James and John with Him and, with them, went out at night to Mt. Tabor and there was transfigured before them: "And His face shone as the sun and His garments became white as snow" (St. Matthew 17:2). There appeared along side Him, Moses and Elijah, the great Old Testament prophets. And, seeing this, His disciples were amazed. Peter said: "Lord, it is good for us to be here: if You will, let us make here three tabernacles; one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah" (St. Matthew 17:4). While Peter still spoke, Moses and Elijah departed and a bright cloud overshadowed the Lord and His disciples and there came a voice from the cloud saying: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear Him" (St. Matthew 17:5). Hearing the voice, the disciples fell to the ground on their faces as though dead and remained that way, lying in fear, until the Lord came near to them and said: "Arise and be not afraid" (St. Matthew 17:7). Why did the Lord take only three disciples on Tabor and not all? Because Judas was not worthy to behold the divine glory of the Teacher, Whom he will betray and the Lord did not want to leave him [Judas] alone at the foot of the mountain so that the betrayer would not, by that, justify his betrayal. Why was our Lord transfigured on a mountain and not in a valley? So as to teach us two virtues: love of labor and godly-thoughts. For, climbing to the heights required labor and height represents the heights of our thoughts, i.e., godly-thoughts. Why was our Lord transfigured at night? Because, the night rather than the day is more suitable for prayer and godly-thoughts and because the night, by its darkness, conceals all the beauty of the earth and reveals the beauty of the starry heavens. Why did Moses and Elijah appear? In order to destroy the error of the Jews, as though Christ is one of the prophets; Elijah or Jeremiah or some other that is why He appears as a King above the prophets and that is why Moses and Elijah appear as His servants. Until then, our Lord manifested His divine power many times to the disciples but, on Mt. Tabor, He manifested His divine nature. This vision of His Divinity and the hearing of the heavenly witness about Him as the Son of God, should serve the disciples in the days of the Lord's passion, in strengthening of an unwavering faith in Him and His final victory. *From the Prolgue of Ochrid*

Memorializing Items: Since I mentioned it last week there were a number of people who wanted to pay to refurbish the cadilla (censer). There are other items that could also be memorialized if anyone wished to pay for them. I would like to have the chalice regilded. Also I would like to buy a new diskos (paten) for use during the Liturgy. This is the plate that holds the communion bread until it's is put in the chalice. The cost of a diskos and asterisk is around \$300. I would also like to get two new icons, one of the Mother of God and one of Jesus to be placed on the tetrapod when there is no festal icon placed there. The cost of the icons is \$50 each. If anyone would like to memorialize any of these items please let me know.

Save the Date: On Sunday, September 13, 2015 the annual Pilgrimage for World Peace will be held at Holy Dormition Friary in Sybertsville, PA. Bishop Kurt will celebrate the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 1:00 o'clock. There will be other services such as matins and vespers as well as opportunities for confession. Watch the ECL for a complete schedule.

| Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of July 25 & 26 | |
|--|------------------|
| Allentown | \$900.00 |
| Total Bills | \$494.41 |
| Offerings Vs. Expenses | +\$405.59 |
| | |
| Palmerton | \$262.00 |
| Total Bills | \$0.00 |
| Offerings Vs. Expenses | +\$262.00 |
| Bills paid this week: UGI:\$22.38; Phone:\$22.13; Cantor:\$150.00: Cleaning Church and Center: \$300.00 | |
| Palmerton: No bills paid this week | |