

*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
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Baptisms and Weddings:
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**Liturgical Schedule for
The Week of August 23, 2015**

**Saturday ~ August 22
Vigil~ Thirteenth Sunday of
Pentecost**

4:00 PM [P] For the People

**Sunday ~ August 23
Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

9:30 AM [A] +Edward Gall by Ann Kroll

**Saturday ~ August 29
Vigil~ Fourteenth Sunday of
Pentecost**

4:00 PM [P] For the People

**Sunday ~ August 30
Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

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

The readings at the Divine Liturgy for
next week are: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 &
Matthew 22:1-14

***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 Saints

"If you do good, you must do it only for God. For this
reason you must pay no attention to the ingratitude of
people. Expect a reward not here, but from the Lord in
heaven. If you expect it here — it will be in vain and you
will endure deprivation." -St. Ambrose of Optina

"Patient endurance kills the despair that kills the soul; it
teaches the soul to take comfort and not to grow listless
in the face of its many battles and afflictions"
-St. Peter of Damaskos

"The forgiveness of insults is a sign of true love, free from
hypocrisy. For thus the Lord also loved this world."
— St. Mark the Ascetic

"In the mercy of God, the little thing done with humility
will enable us to be found in the same place as the saints
who have labored much and been true servants of God."
+ St. Dorotheos of Gaza

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.

Images of God:
By Gloria Hutchinson

We all of have different images of God. But how
many of us picture God as an absentee landlord? The
very words themselves stir up negative associations.

We think of a wealthy person who lives in luxury while the poor tenants in rat-infested slum
apartments in the inner city suffer consequences of neglect. For us, equating God with an
absentee landlord – even an allegorical one – requires quite a stretch of the imagination.

When Jesus first told the parable of the tenants, however, absentee landlords were more
common and had a better reputation than they do today. If we wipe off the contemporary grime
generated by some uncaring lessors, the image might ring true to our own experience. As the
theologian Frederick Buechner has wisely observed, "God is often more conspicuous by his
absence than by His presence."

How might the parable then speak to us in our daily effort to be faithful tenants in God's
vineyard – especially when the landlord seems to be "away on a journey" or living in a far
country? The wicked tenants of the story acted as if they themselves owned the vineyard. They
attacked those who came bearing the landlord's messages, and they killed his beloved son. In
so doing, they forfeited their right to share not only in the harvest but also in the everlasting
kingdom.

The faithful tenant realizes that ownership of the vineyard earth belongs to God. He or
she labors to bring forth a harvest of good works (ecological, economical, social, political,
spiritual) to be shared by the landlord and the other tenants. When confronted by prophetic
messengers whose words accuse or challenge like "Stop the nuclear arms race!" "End abortion,
capital punishment and euthanasia!" "Hear the cry of the homeless and the hungry!"), the
faithful tenant listens for the landlord's voice.

Saint John of Kronstadt: Do not let pass any opportunity to pray for anyone....

"Do not let pass any opportunity to pray for anyone, either at his request or at the request of his
relatives, friends, of those who esteem him, or of his acquaintances. The Lord looks favorably
upon the prayer of our love, and upon our boldness before him. Besides this, prayer for others is
very beneficial to the one himself who prays for others; it purifies the heart, strengthens faith
and hope in God, and enkindles our love for God and our neighbor. When praying, say thus:
'Lord, it is possible for Thee to do this or that to this servant of Thine; do this for him, for Thy
name is the Merciful Love of Men and the Almighty.'"

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of August 15 & 16	
Allentown	\$1095.00
Total Bills	\$1023.66
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$71.34
Palmerton	\$192.00
Total Bills	\$69.26
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$122.74
Bills paid this week: Pest Control: \$45.25; Heating/ Cooling Maintenance Contract: \$553.41; Priest Retreat: \$425.00	
Palmerton: PPL (Hall): \$17.75; PPL (Church): \$51.51	