

**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

**Prayer List: In your kindness, please remember the following persons in prayer:** Carol Baran, John & Alicia Sefcik, Shirley Balascak, Loretta Brosky, Antoinette DeFronzo,, 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, Maryann Wilk, Barry Hoffman, Chet Greene, Faye Ketz

**Pascha Quotes**

"By His Resurrection, Christ conquered sin and death, destroyed Satan's dark kingdom, freed the enslaved human race and broke the seal on the greatest mysteries of God and man." *St. Nikolai Velimirovic*

"Every time we celebrate the Eucharist in the Church, we recall the death of the Savior, we proclaim his Resurrection as we await his return. Thus no sacrament is greater or more precious than that of the Eucharist; and when we receive Communion, we are incorporated into Christ. Our life is transformed and taken up by the Lord." "The Eucharistic mystery is in fact the "summit of evangelization" (Lumen Gentium, n. 28), for it is the most eminent testimony to Christ's Resurrection. " Pope Saint John Paul II

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."  
By Pope Saint John Paul II

**OPPORTUNITY!** Remember to participate in our fundraising opportunities! **GIFT CARD** orders are placed every Monday. Register on line to order any time you would like using Prestopay or place your order with a paper order form located in the back of the church and make check payable to St. Michael's BC Church. **ST. MICHAEL'S AFFINITY GROUP** - Whenever you or anyone you know is buying or selling real estate, contact Janice or Nick Kavounas at Coldwell Banker Heritage Real Estate. 20% of the brokerage fee will be donated back to the church. Call Janice Kavounas at [484-553-3828](tel:484-553-3828) or [jmk@cbheritage.com](mailto:jmk@cbheritage.com) for details.

**THOMAS SUNDAY**  
*By Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh*

Today we are keeping the day of St Thomas the Apostle. Too often we remember him only as a doubter; indeed he is the one who questioned the message which the other Apostles brought to him when they said: Christ is risen! We have seen Him alive! But he is not one who doubted throughout his life or who remained unfaithful to the fullness of the divine revelation of Christ. We must remember that when the Apostles and the Lord heard of the illness of Lazarus, Christ said to them: Let us return to Jerusalem. To which the others said: But the Jews wanted to kill you there. Why should we return? Only Thomas the Apostle answered: Let us go with Him and die with Him. He was prepared not only to be His disciple in words, not only to follow Him as one follows a teacher, but to die with Him as one dies with a friend and, if necessary, for a friend. So, let us remember his greatness, his faithfulness, his wholeness. But what happened then when after the Resurrection of Christ, the Apostles said to the one who had not seen Christ risen, that they had actually seen the risen Christ? Why did he not accept their message? Why did he doubt? Why did he say that he must have proofs, material proofs? Because when he looked at them, he saw them rejoicing in what they had seen, rejoicing that Christ was not dead, rejoicing that Christ was alive, rejoicing that victory had been won. Yet, when he looked at them he saw no difference in them.. These were the same men, only full of joy instead of fear. And Thomas said: Unless I see, unless I probe the Resurrection, I cannot believe you.

Is it not the same thing that anyone can say to us who meets us? We proclaimed the Resurrection of Christ, passionately, sincerely, truthfully, a few days ago. We believe in it with all our being; and yet, when people meet us in our homes, in the street, in our place of work, anywhere, do they look at us and say: Who are these people? What has happened to them? The Apostles had seen Christ risen, but the Resurrection had not become part of their own experience. They had not come out of death into eternal life. So it is also with us; except with the saints, when they see them, they know that their message is true. What is it in our message that is not heard? Because we speak, but are not. We should be so different from people who have no experience of the living Christ, risen, who has shared His life with us, who sent the Holy Spirit to us as, in the words of C.S. Lewis, a living person is different from a statue. A statue may be beautiful, magnificent, glorious, but it is stone. A human being can be much less moving in his outer presence, yet he is alive, he is a testimony of life. So let us examine ourselves. Let us ask ourselves where we are. Why is it that people who meet us never notice that we are limbs of the risen Christ, temples of the Holy Spirit? Why? Each of us has got to give his own reply to this question. Let us, each of us, examine ourselves and be ready to answer before our own conscience and do what is necessary to change our lives in such away that people meeting us may look at us and say: Such people we have never seen. There is something about them that we have never seen in anyone. What is it? And we could answer: It is the life of Christ abroad in us. We are His limbs. This is the life of the Spirit in us. We are His temple. Amen.

<b>Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of March 26 &amp; 27</b>	
<b>Allentown</b>	\$3567.00
<b>Total Bills</b>	\$1624.64
<b>Offerings Vs. Expenses</b>	<b>+\$2032.36</b>
<b>Palmerton</b>	\$783.00
<b>Total Bills</b>	\$57.00
<b>Offerings Vs. Expenses</b>	<b>+\$726.00</b>
<b>Bills paid this week: Cantor:\$150.00; Church Cleaning:\$300.00;UGI (Rectory):\$13.47;RealEstate Tax:\$962.77;Phone &amp; Fax:\$24.40;ECL:\$174.00</b>	
<b>Palmerton. ECL: \$57.00</b>	

**Liturgical Schedule for The Week of April 3, 2016**

**Saturday April 2 Vigil~ Thomas Sunday**

**4:00 PM [P] For the People**

**Sunday April 3 Thomas Sunday**

**10:00 AM [A] +Robert Komnath by William & Jennie Komnath**

**Saturday April 9 Vigil~ Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women**

**4:00 PM [P] For the People**

**Sunday April 10 Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women**

**10:00 AM [A] +Charles Hysick by Granddaughter Anna Hysick**

The Sunday readings for next week are: Acts 6:1-7 and Mark 15:43-16:8