

**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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**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.

**NICEA I**  
*By Msgr. George Appleyard*

On the Sunday which follows the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, the Byzantine Church remembers the first of those great church councils we call "ecumenical." The very word "ecumenical" comes from Greek roots which mean "the members of the household," with the connotation of "everyone," or "all-embracing." In Christian jargon the word refers to a general or world-wide assembly of church leaders. Today the word is also used to describe the attempt to bring the disparate Christian denominations into greater unity of purpose and action, i.e., the ecumenical movement. The first church meeting to be styled "ecumenical" was summoned by the Christian Emperor Constantine, and met in 325 A.D. at his lake-side villa in the town of Nicaea, perhaps fifty miles from the site of his new capital, Constantinople (now called Istanbul in modern day Turkey), which had not yet been completed. The chief purpose of the meeting was to determine the Christian belief regarding the divinity of Jesus of Nazareth. One party, called the Arians (named for a presbyter from Alexandria, Arius), believed that Jesus was not divine by nature as such, but had been "made divine" in an accommodated sense by God. The opposition claimed that Jesus was "begotten of the Father before all ages, God from God." Against the odds, the opposition party carried the day, and the Christian Church formulated the first part of what we have come to call the Nicene Creed. Naturally, this did not put an end to the quarreling and the divisions. Arianism, as a parallel Church, would continue for a long time. The philosophical and theological notion that Jesus is not divine by nature reappears from time to time in religious thought, but the main line of the Christian Faith has kept to this central core belief that Jesus is "Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, and of one substance with the Father." (Nicene Creed)

<b>Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of April 30 &amp; May 1</b>	
<b>Allentown</b>	\$1678.00
<b>Total Bills</b>	\$820.00
<b>Offerings Vs. Expenses</b>	<b>+\$858.00</b>
<b>Palmerton</b>	\$352.00
<b>Total Bills</b>	\$742.05
<b>Offerings Vs. Expenses</b>	<b>-\$390.05</b>
<b>Bills paid this week: Grass Cutting (3x):\$185.00; Heating Oil (Rectory):\$259.00; Heating Oil (Church):\$376.00</b>	
<b>Palmerton. Heating Oil: \$742.05</b>	

**Eparchial Wedding Jubilarian Celebration** ---- Any couple desiring to receive an invitation to attend our Eparchial Wedding Jubilarian Celebration to be held on August 21<sup>st</sup>, at SS Peter and Paul Church, Minersville, PA, 3:00 p.m. is asked to complete the form below and return it via collection basket or mail no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>. All couples celebrating wedding anniversaries in increments of 5's (5th -10th- 15th- 20th...) are eligible to attend. A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop Kurt and a dinner are included in the celebration.

Both Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Actual Wedding Date \_\_\_\_\_  
I am married \_\_\_\_\_ years

**Liturgical Schedule for The Week of May 8, 2016**

**Saturday May 7**  
**Vigil~ Fathers of 1<sup>st</sup> Council**

4:00 PM [P] For the People

**Sunday May 8**  
**Fathers of 1<sup>st</sup> Council/ Mother's Day**

10:00 AM [A] Living & Deceased Mothers of our Parish Families

**Saturday May 14**  
**Vigil~ Pentecost Sunday**

4:00 PM [P] For the People

**Sunday May 15**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

10:00 AM [A] In Thanksgiving by Susana Ramos Recinos

The Sunday readings for next week are: Acts 2:1-11 and John 7:37-52; 8:12

**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, Lila Smerkanich

**Saint Quotes**

- “Love ought to show itself in deeds more than words.”
- “There are very few men who realize what God would make of them if they abandoned themselves entirely to his hands, and let themselves be formed by His Grace.”
- “What has He done for me? He has loved me and given me His whole self. What shall I do for Him? I shall love Him and give myself to Him without reserve.”
- St. Ignatius of Loyola
- “Do not doubt, do not hesitate, never despair of the mercy of God. Hope and have confidence in confession.”
- St. Isidore of Seville
- “Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.” – St. John Chrysostom