

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 June 26, 2016

Saturday June 25
Vigil~ Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

4:00 PM [P] +For the People

Sunday June 26
Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 AM [A] Stephen Csazar by Daughter Donna Csazar

Tuesday June 28
Vigil Saints Peter and Paul~ Obligation

7:00 PM [P] For the People

Wednesday June 29
Saints Peter and Paul~ Obligation

7:00 PM [A] +Nicholas Skimbo by Peter Skimbo

Saturday July 2
Vigil~ Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

4:00 PM [P] +For the People

Sunday July 3
Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 AM [A] + Edward Gall by Ann Krall

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,, Fatima Eslami, Roger Susanin, Father Phillip Scott

From the Saints

'It seems to me we have nothing to fear when we look to God only and seek His glory alone, since He takes into account the goodwill alone of a heart that loves Him.'

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

'Do you know why God subjects you to so many miseries? That He may bestow on you the riches of heaven.' St. Paul of the Cross

'It is well to deny ourselves that which is permitted, in order to avoid more easily that which is not.'

St. Benedict

'Why do demons wish to excite in us gluttony, fornication, greed, anger, rancor and other passions? So that the mind, under their weight, should be unable to pray as it ought; for when the passions of our irrational part begin to act, they prevent the mind from acting rationally.' St. Nilus of Sinai

St. Peter was to be entrusted with the keys of the Church, or rather, he was entrusted with the keys of heaven; to him would be committed the whole people of God. The Lord told him: *Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.* Now Peter was inclined to be severe, so if he had also been impeccable what forbearance would he have shown toward those he instructed? His falling into sin was thus a providential grace to teach him from experience to deal kindly with others.

Just think who it was whom God permitted to fall into sin—Peter himself, the head of the apostles, the firm foundation, the unbreakable rock, the most important member of the Church, the safe harbor, the strong tower; Peter, who had said to Christ, *Even if I have to die with you I will never deny you;* Peter, who by divine revelation had confessed the truth: *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

The gospel relates that on the night that Christ was betrayed Peter went indoors and was standing by the fire warming himself when a girl accosted him: *You too were with that man yesterday,* she said. But Peter answered: *I do not know the man.* Just now you said: *Even if I have to die with you,* and now you deny him and say: *I do not know the man.* Oh Peter, is this what you promised? You were not tortured or scourged; at the words of a mere slip of a girl you took refuge in denial!

Again the girl said to him: *You too were with that man yesterday.* Again he answered: *I have no idea what man you mean.* Who was it that spoke to you, causing you to make this denial? Not some important person but a woman, a doorkeeper, an outcast, a slave, someone of no account whatever. She spoke to you and you answered with a denial. What a strange thing—a girl, a prostitute, accosted Peter himself and disturbed his faith! Peter, the pillar, the rampart, could not bear the threat of a girl! She had but to speak and the pillar swayed, the rampart itself was shaken!

A third time she repeated: *You too were with that man yesterday,* but a third time he denied it. Finally Jesus looked at him, reminding him of his previous assertion. Peter understood, repented of his sin, and began to weep. Mercifully, however, Jesus forgave him his sin, because he knew that Peter, being a man, was subject to human frailty. Now, as I said before, the reason God's plan permitted Peter to sin was because he was to be entrusted with the whole people of God, and sinlessness added to his severity might have made him unforgiving toward his brothers and sisters. He fell into sin so that remembering his own fault and the Lord's forgiveness, he also might forgive others out of love for them. This was God's providential dispensation. He to whom the Church was to be entrusted, he, the pillar of the churches, the harbor of faith, was allowed to sin; Peter, the teacher of the world, was permitted to sin, so that having been forgiven himself he would be merciful to others *Saint John Chrysostom*

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Rose Hoffman requested by Emily Pavlik

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of June 18 & 19	
Allentown	\$1404.00
Total Bills	\$780.80
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$623.20
Palmerton	\$189.00
Total Bills	\$125.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$64.00
Bills paid this week: Accounting: \$503.98; Telephone: \$24.08; UGI (Center): \$9.30; UGI (Rectory): \$12.44; Bulletin Covers: \$106.00; Syncellate Dues: \$125.00	
Palmerton: Syncellate Dues: \$125.00	

The Scripture readings for next week (The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost) are: Romans 15:1-7 & Matthew 9:27-35

Please Others, Not Yourselves

15 We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope