

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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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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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 Mehalschick 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, Lois Brink

From the Saints

If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze! -St. Catherine of Sienna

He who climbs never stops going from beginning to beginning, through beginnings that have no end. He never stops desiring what he already knows. -St. Gregory of Nyssa

Let us begin in earnest to work out our salvation, for no one will do it for us, since even He Himself, Who made us without ourselves, will not save us without ourselves. -St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

To love God is something greater than to know Him. -St. Thomas Aquinas

You cannot be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all. -St. Therese of Lisieux

The most powerful weapon to conquer the devil is humility. For, as he does not know at all how to employ it, neither does he know how to defend himself from it. -Saint Vincent de Paul

Councils

Liturgical Schedule for The Week of July 17, 2016

Saturday July 16
Vigil~ Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday July 17
Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils

9:00 AM [A] +Mary & John Stefanick by John A. Stefanick

Saturday July 23
Vigil~ Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday July 24
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM [A] William Parkinson by Margaret Cebenko

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

Given by Msgr. George Appleyard

On the Sunday that comes between July 13th and July 19th each year, the Byzantine Church remembers the first six of those great church councils known as the Ecumenical Councils. While the Roman Catholic Church continued to designate subsequent councils as "ecumenical," the Eastern Orthodox Church recognizes only the first seven. These are: the council that met at Nicaea in 325 (which defined the eternal divinity of Jesus and gave us the first redaction of the Nicene Creed); the first such meeting at Constantinople in 381 (which proclaimed the complete divinity of the Holy Spirit and gave us the final redaction of the Creed); the Council at Ephesus in 431 (which condemned Nestorianism and declared Mary to be Theotokos, that is, "Mother of God"); Chalcedon in 451 (which also condemned Nestorianism and again addressed the nature of Jesus Christ); the second Council at Constantinople in 553 (which also condemned Nestorianism and repudiated Origenism); and the third Council to meet at Constantinople in 680 (also known as the "Council in Trullo" from the site of the meeting, which also condemned Monothelitism--the idea that Jesus had only one will, rather than a divine will and a human will working together). The seventh (and last Council to be recognized by the Eastern Orthodox Church as ecumenical, also met at Nicaea in 787, and defended the legitimacy of sacred images. Celebrating Councils is indicative of the way these two main branches of Christianity--Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy--do the work of the Church. The Roman Church has a strong central government and the Eastern Orthodox Church uses more of a "town meeting" approach. Each approach has its strengths and its drawbacks. A strong central government can "disenfranchise" the membership while "town meeting" government sometimes bogs down in endless debate and nothing gets done. But there is a very positive element in celebrating Councils that we should be aware of. For the Church to flourish, we all need to "put our heads together." The more each member of the Church contributes his and her ideas and insights, the stronger our piety and witness will be! If the Byzantine Church celebrates its great Councils, it cannot overlook the smaller Councils that flesh out its life: the diocesan Councils and the parish Councils. It isn't always fun to work on a Council, and the task can stretch (and develop) our patience, understanding and determination. But that is part of the reward. Many capable people don't want to be burdened with participating in a Council, but it is one of the best vehicles the Holy Spirit offers us to preserve the order and the treasures of the Church!

The Scripture readings for next week (Tenth Sunday after Pentecost) are: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 & Matthew 17:14-23

⁹ For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. ¹⁰ We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. ¹¹ To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, ¹² and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; ¹³ when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things.

it reaches such a degree of perfection, that it makes us not only do the good, but do so carefully, frequently and readily, then it is called devotion. -St. Francis de Sales

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of July 9 & 10	
Allentown	\$2138.16
Total Bills	\$158.33
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$ 1979.83
Palmerton	
Total Bills	-
Offerings Vs. Expenses	-
Bills paid this week: Priest Pension Fund:\$158.33	
Palmerton: Priest Pension Fund: \$87.50	

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In so far as divine love beautifies our souls. And makes us pleasing to His divine Majesty, it is called grace; in so far as it gives us strength to do good, it is called charity; but when