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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<u>Saturday March 4</u> Vigil~ Sunday of Orthodoxy

4:00 PM [P] + Anna Samock

<u>Sunday March 5</u> <u>Sunday of Orthodoxy</u>

10:00 AM [A] For the people

Friday March 10

7:00 PM [A] Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday March 11 Vigil~ Saint Gregory Palamas

4:00 PM [P] For the people

Sunday March 12 Saint Gregory Palamas

10:00 AM [A] +Charles Hysick by Granddaughters Anna and Penelope

Daylight Savings time begins March 12- Set your clock ahead 1 hour!



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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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, Mary Maronich, Fatima Eslami, Roger Susanin, Father Phillip Scott, Lois Brink, Gabriella Yaskanich

Catholic Quotes

"We live in a culture of affluence — food abundance, super supermarkets and fifty-foot salad bars. Proverbially stare in the refrigerator and wonder what to eat for minutes as you stand in your so-called suffering and 'hunger pains.' So much yet so picky, you get finicky and forget your blessings." — Fr. John Lombardi

"Through fasting and praying, we allow (Christ) to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God." – Pope Benedict XVI

"In fact, the external aspects of fasting, though important, do not convey the full measure of the practice. Joined to the practice should be a sincere desire for inner purification, readiness to obey the divine will and thoughtful solidarity with our brothers and sisters, especially the poor." – Pope St. John Paul II

"Conquering the tongue is better than fasting on bread and water!" – St. John of the Cross Candy Sale: The parish is selling Easter Candy this year. Brochures are in the back of the church. Questions? See Sandy and Lois Brink. Everybody should have a chocolate cross for their Easter basket, right? Here's your chance to get one and help your church financially!

halushki,

potato

ravioli and

pancake mix.

See the flyers

at the back of

Inspired by the parable of the Good Samaritan, Natalie Komnath has started a food collection for non-perishable items to be donated to the local food bank. Please place items in the basket at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Pirohi Sale: During Lent we will be selling pirohi,

The Scripture readings for next week (St. Gregory Palamas) are: Hebrews 7:26-8:2 & John 10:9-19

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of February 25 & 26	
Allentown	\$1458.00
Total Bills	\$628.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$830.00
Palmerton	\$346.00
Total Bills	\$0.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$346.00

Bills paid this week: Furnace Repair: \$250; Bulletins: \$133; Plow Lot: \$245

Palmerton: No Bills

the church for prices. For details see Angela Roth, Metro Ketz or Larry Trubilla. Remember, we fast from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent so you are going to need lots and lots of pirohi and halushki!

There were two monks who committed a very serious sin when they went to the village to sell their wares. But they were wise enough not to let the devil trick them into discouragement and so they came back to the desert and went to the Abba to confess their sins. To ease them into their conversion, they were asked to go and live on their own for one month on bread and water, to pray and

do penance. When the time was over, Abba himself came over to reunite them with the disciples. However, he was very surprised because one came out grim, downcast, pale while the other was radiant, buoyant and brisk. "What did you meditate upon?" Abba asked. The sad monk answered: "I thought constantly on the punishment which I merit and the justice of God". The happy monk answered: "Well, I used to remind myself constantly the mercy of God and the love which Jesus Christ had for the sinner." Both were joyfully accepted back in the community but Abba remarked on the wisdom of the brother who kept his mind fixed on the compassion of God.

A brother who was insulted by another brother came to Abba Sisoes, and said to him: "I was hurt by my brother, and I want to avenge myself". Abba tried to console him and said: "Don't do that, my child. Rather leave vengeance to God". But he said: "I will not quit until I avenge myself". Then Abba said: "Let us pray, brother; and standing up, he said: "Our Father... forgive us our trespasses as we forgive NOT those who trespass against us..." Hearing these words, the brother fell at the feet of the Abba and said: "I am not going to fight with my brother any more. Forgive me, Abba."