

**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  
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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 Mehalshick Family, Doris Smicker & family, Peter Skimbo & Family, Nicholas Yackanicz, Josephine Wilk, Maryann Wilk, Barry Hoffman, Chet Greene, Faye Ketz

**Catholic Quotes**

It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more." Pope Francis

Ah! Brothers and Sisters, God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience He has with each one of us? That is His mercy. He always has patience, patience with us, He understands us, He waits for us, He does not tire of forgiving us if we are able to return to Him with a contrite heart. "Great is God's mercy," says the Psalm. Pope Francis

"To cling always to God and to the things of God - this must be our major effort, this must be the road that the heart follows unswervingly." St. John Cassian

**Myrrh-Bearing Women Sunday**

*By Fr. Thomas Hopko*

The third Sunday after Pascha is dedicated to the myrrh-bearing women who cared for the body of the Savior at his death and who were the first witnesses of his Resurrection. The three troparia of Holy Friday are sung once again and form the theme of the day:

“The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy most pure body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb.”

“When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.”

“The angel came to the myrrh-bearing women at the tomb and said: Myrrh is fitting for the dead, but Christ has shown himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.”

is temple. Amen.

**Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women**

*By Fr. John Zeyak*

The women are going to the tomb. They want to do a good deed - a final deed of mercy, to anoint Jesus body properly, to give him their respect in this final act of love.

They have a question on their way to the tomb. Who will roll back the stone for us? Who will make roll the stone away that keeps them from Jesus?

They are shocked because the stone is rolled away! They are even more shocked because the grave is empty. Then an angel with even more astonishing news greets them: Jesus is risen! He is not here!

This is the news that we bear witness to in the world. This is the news that our Church sings over and over again, a song of triumph! A song of victory! A song that says God wins! God is the final judge! God is the one who raised Jesus from the dead.

But our song and our faith are not just about Jesus. Because what God has done for His Son Jesus, He does for each one of us. He frees us from sin, from death, from evil.

And when the women say who will roll back the stone for us? We say that also. Who will roll back the heavy burden of sin that keeps us from Jesus? Who will move the rock in our heart that keeps us locked in self-pity, self-hatred, self-defeating behaviors?

We know like the women that we can't remove the stone by ourselves. It is too heavy a burden. There is too much guilt, too much anxiety, and too much fear. The stone that we all carry is the stone of human failure, human weakness, and human sinfulness. We are afraid, will this stone ever be lifted from us. We don't know what we will find inside. And so we continue to carry our heavy burden - Jesus already removed the stone, the sins, the failures and the weaknesses of our human nature.

And he wants us to see that He is risen. That He is our strength, our hope and our life. We don't and we can't take away all the human burden and guilt and pain by ourselves. God does it for us in Jesus Christ! Jesus did it for us on the Cross. Our sins were nailed with Him on the Cross. He is not contained in the tomb - but has risen and raises us with Him.

The women went back home changed. They told their story and no one could hold them back.

Christ is risen! God is the Victor!

Let no one hold us back. Let us not be blocked by the stone that blocks our hearts to love, to acceptance, to freedom as God's Children.

Let us return to our homes, our workshops, our market places knowing that Jesus is not in the tomb, but in our hearts. May we speak boldly and with confidence: Christ is risen!

<b>Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of April 7 &amp; 8</b>	
<b>Allentown</b>	\$3323.00
<b>Total Bills</b>	\$3925.00
<b>Offerings Vs. Expenses</b>	<b>(-\$602.00)</b>
<b>Palmerton</b>	\$286.00
<b>Total Bills</b>	\$0.00
<b>Offerings Vs. Expenses</b>	<b>+\$286.00</b>
<b>Bills paid this week:</b> Cleanup and Construction on Church Tower: (\$3,925.00)	
<b>Palmerton:</b> No Bills This Week	

**Liturgical Schedule for The Week of April 15, 2018**

**Saturday April 14**  
**Vigil~ Sunday of the Ointment Bearers**

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

**Sunday April 15**  
**Sunday of the Ointment Bearers**

**10:00 AM [A]** +Pau & Teresa Stockmal by the Stockmal Children

**Saturday April 21**  
**Vigil~ Sunday of the Paralytic**

**4:00 PM [P]** TBA

**Sunday April 22**  
**Sunday of the Paralytic**

**10:00 AM [A]** For the People

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