

*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] 3:15-4:45 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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**Liturgical Schedule for
The Week of August 24, 2014**

**Saturday~ August 23
Vigil Eleventh Sunday After
Pentecost**

4:00 PM [P] Parish Families

**Sunday ~ August 24
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

10:00 AM [A] Edward Kowatch &
Family by Hoyt & Rosalie Walter

**Saturday~ August 30
Vigil Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**

4:00 PM [P] Parish Families

**Sunday ~ August 31
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

10:00 AM [A] Health and blessings
for Robert DiGiacomo by Catherine
and Joseph Brosky

***Prayer List: In your kindness, please
remember the following persons in prayer:***
 John & Alicia Sefcik, Loretta Brosky,
 Antoinette DeFronzo, Melissa Kavounas,
 Dolores Flannery, Kristin & Bobbie Di
 Giacomo & family, Doris Smicker & family,
 Peter Skimbo & Family, Nicholas Yackanicz,
 Deacon Steven Galuschik, Subdeacon Lewis
 Rabayda, Father Diodoro Mendoza, Father
 Frank and his family.

**As a parish family we should pray for one
another. If you would like anyone to be
remembered in prayer please give the name(s)
to Father Frank or to Loretta for inclusion on
the prayer list.**

From the Saints

*You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to
run by running, to work by working, and just so, you
learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in
any other way deceive themselves -St. Francis de Sales*

*Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors to Christ.
Saint John Paul II*

*The human person is a good towards which the only
proper attitude is love. -Saint John Paul II*

Often people are struck by the question: how
can a man be saved? And we find in this passage of the
Gospel, as in a whole number of others, such a simple
precise answer to it. Your salvation is in your own
hands — forgive: and you will be forgiven. And the
moment you are forgiven, it means that eternal life is
open to you. In today's Gospel Christ tells us about a
man who owed a vast sum of money to his overlord
but had no means of repaying and his Lord forgave
him all because he had pity on him. After leaving his
overlord's presence this man met another who owed
him a small amount, and began demanding payment
without mercy. Hearing this the overlord said: I
forgave you your enormous debt, so how could you not
forgive your debtor his small indebtedness? In the
same way we expect that through one word of God's
mercy, the gates of eternal life will be opened for us,
yet we close these very doors — no, the small doors of
this temporal life in the face of another person. What
can we hope for?

The Gospel says in another place: with what
measure you measure it shall be measured unto you; in
the Beatitudes it says: blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy, and in the Lord's prayer:
forgive us as we forgive... How simple it all seems, and yet how difficult we find it. It would be
simple if our hearts responded to sorrow, to need; it is difficult because our hearts are silent. But why
is this so? May it not be because when someone behaves badly we always think he must be a bad
man, without realizing that often the man so much wants to be good, so much wants every word of
his to be pure, his thoughts and his heart pure, his actions worthy ones, but he simply has not the
strength, he is enmeshed by old habits, by the pressures of his environment, by false shame and so
many other things. And he continues to act wrongly; but we could disentangle him. We could look at
him as God looks at him, with pity, as one might look at a sick man dying of a disease that could be
cured if only he were given the right treatment.

And each one of us could do what is necessary for someone. Look at a man and pity him for
being wicked, angry, vengeful, bad in one way or another. Have pity on him and turn the bright side
of your soul towards him, tell him that his actions and his words will not deceive you, however
wicked they may be, because you know that he is an image, an icon of God, besmirched and
disfigured, and yet in him you bow down to God, and love him as a brother. To do this may cost you
a great deal, but if you can do it once or twice and see how a person changes because you have faith
in him, because you have rested God's hope on him, what a world we should live in — a world of
mutual trust. True, we should have to pay for it with our heart's blood, with tears of compassion, with
agony of soul, but what joy there would be not only among the angels of God in heaven when they
saw a sinner saved, but in our own hearts when we suddenly saw that in response to our compassion
and love, a person was filled with the light of eternal life. **Metropolitan Anthony Bloom**

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of August 16 & 17	
Allentown	\$S1527.00
Total Bills	\$398.86
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$1128.14
Palmerton	\$174.00
Total Bills	\$ 73.44
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$100.56
Bills paid this week:	
Allentown: UGI (Center): \$11.25; UGI (Rector): \$13.41; ECF Books: \$118.50; Pest Control: \$43.50; Computer Desk Payment: \$70.00; Phone (Rector): \$82.35; Phone (Center): \$29.37; Chain for Parking Lot: \$30.48	
Palmerton: PPL (Hall): \$17.78; PPL (Church): \$55.66	