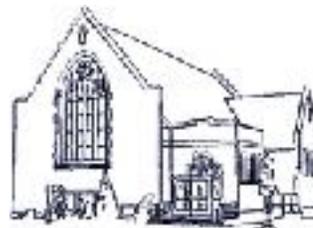


Envelope Offerings

Last Sunday \$700.00
Two Weeks Ago \$1,950.00
Three Weeks Ago \$366.00



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BUILDING FUND & ICON FUND

The Building Fund of The Sign of the Theotokos Orthodox Church has \$10,150.13. Please make The Sign one of the beneficiaries in your Last Will and Testament soon!

The Icon Fund of The Sign of the Theotokos Orthodox Church has \$4,940.80.

Donations are always welcome, and tax-deductable.

The Young Adults of the Sign would like to thank everyone who attended their Spring Fest fundraiser on June 2nd 2018 and all those who helped plan, set up, clean up and who donated raffle prizes. Constantina and Anastasia would like to especially thank Kristina, Romy, Alex, Dimitri, George, Elijah, Maria, Lesley-Ann, Norha, Joanna, Arianne, Carlos, Generosa, Anna, Haroula, Milena, Gilbert, John, Vassili, Olivier and all the Orpheas Dancers. We raised \$2,611 for the Iconography Campaign! Thank you everyone!

Pledge update: Summer is approaching, and so is our "slow season" for financial contributions. Please consider bringing your 2018 pledge up to date before leaving for vacation — and perhaps even making advance contributions for the Sundays you'll be gone. Info: Rita Savtchenko: rita@savtchenko.com

PLEASE FILL-IN, and place in collection basket, if you would like to:

- _____ have your name/address/phone added/corrected on our mailing list
- _____ have the pastor call or visit the person named below
- _____ volunteer your time to help our parish fulfill its mission

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Email Address _____

No. 1985 The Lord Himself will give you a sign..."

June 23, 2018

4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3.

**Nativity of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John
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Tone 4 Troparion (Nativity of St John the Baptist)

Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ,
although we cannot praise you worthily,
we honour you in love at your nativity,
for by it you ended your father's silence and your mother's
barrenness, //
proclaiming to the world the incarnation of the Son of God!

Tone 3 Kontakion (Nativity of St John the Baptist)

Today the formerly barren woman gives birth to Christ's Forerunner,
who is the fulfillment of every prophecy;
for in the Jordan,
when he laid his hand on the One foretold by the Prophets, //
he was revealed as Prophet, Herald, and Forerunner of God the
Word.

On Holy Communion at The Sign: We welcome everyone joining us in worship today. One of those sad results of the schisms among Christians is that we can offer Holy Communion only to Orthodox Christians. We believe that the Eucharist is a final sign of union among Christians (and not a way that such unity might be achieved). We are glad that you attended, and invite you to partake of the antidoron (the blessed bread) offered at the conclusion of the Liturgy.

Coming Up

Spring Cleaning: our yearly grand nettoyage du printemps of God's Temple. Date To Be Announced Please sign-up downstairs (next to the kitchen). The more volunteers the more we will accomplish. Merci!
For info: Deacon Anthony: 438-887-0353

Our garden is cared for by Andreas Koutsoufis - thank-you, Andreas

Our prosphora are baked & prepared by Mariana Grimanis, Artemis Daskalakis and Mat. Catherine Mitchell. Many thanks to you from all!

A worthwhile podcast: The Poor Are Given to Us for Our Salvation
Fr. Barnabas Powell welcomes the Executive Director of FOCUS North America Seraphim Danckaert to talk about the theology of caring for the poor and how it relates to our salvation. www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/faithencouragedlive/the_poor

The Orthodox Christian Mission Center is looking for folks to join their summer teams...especially the Ghana Youth Work summer camp which will be August 8 to 21, 2018. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact them by phone at 1-877-463-6784, or by e-mail at missions@ocmc.org.

Leave no valuables unattended anywhere here at The Sign: wallets, purses, briefcases, handbags, keys, and including expensive coats or jackets (leather or fur)! Things can disappear in "the blink of an eye".

Doors to the Sign: are normally *opened 45 minutes* before any service, and *locked 30 minutes* after a service finishes (usually you may still leave by the St. Joseph door afterwards, but not re-enter unless someone holds the door for you).

Key Holders: the Resther Door is to be left UNLOCKED (from inside) whenever anyone is in the building ~~~ this is an Emergency Exit!!! LOCKED from/on outside at all times!

Romans 6:18-23 (Epistle)

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 8:5-13 (Gospel)

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marvelled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.