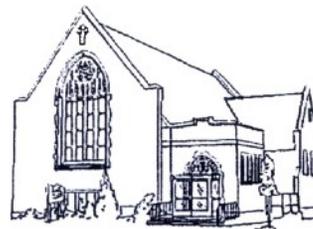


## Envelope Offerings

Last Sunday \$1,950.00  
Two Weeks Ago \$366.00  
Three Weeks Ago \$1,830.00



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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](mailto: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 (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

June 17, 2018

**3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2.**  
**Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael, of Persia (362 AD)**

The all-wise St. John Chrysostom said: "A place will not save us if we do not carry out the will of God." It is told of a monk who lived in a monastery where five brethren loved him and one brother offended him. Because of this one brother who offended him, he moved to another monastery. However, in this monastery eight of the brethren loved him and two of the brethren offended him. He then fled to a third monastery. But here, seven of the brethren loved him and five of the brethren offended him. He set out for a fourth monastery but along the way he thought: "How long will I flee from place to place? I will never find peace in the whole world. It would be better for me to become patient." He pulled out a piece of paper and wrote in bold letters: "I will endure all for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." When he entered the fourth monastery here also some loved him and others offended him. But he patiently began to endure the offenses. As soon as someone offended him, he would take out that piece of paper and read: "I will endure all for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." So with patience he succeeded and all loved him and he remained in that monastery until his death.- *Prologue from Ochrid*

**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

**Parish Picnic:** *Saturday June 23 @* Garcia-Maistrenko's in Mansonville, QC

**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](http://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](mailto: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 5:1-10 (Epistle)

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

## Matthew 6:22-33 (Gospel)

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.