

## *St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church*

### The "Priest's Page"

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### All Glory Belongs to Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ!

I have started "**The Priest's Page**" so I can reach out to more of our parishioners than I do when we are in church. This page is meant to be an educational tool so that we can all learn more about our faith and how we should be living it. From time to time we will also add some information on our activities at the church.

It will first and foremost be a spiritual publication for your information and edification.

We will produce a virtual copy as well as a hard copy. The virtual copy will be sent by email to those that have given us their email address and the hard copy will be available at the church on the day of services. All recipients of "The Priest's Page" are asked to submit their email addresses to me, so this "page" can be shared with many.

Should anyone have questions about the faith, our tradition, why we do certain things during the services or anything you think might be of help in understanding who we are and what is our relationship to God and each other, please feel free to address them to me at the email address or telephone number above. All questions will be anonymous.

We will endeavor to produce this page once per month.

### Gospel Reading 26th Sunday After Pentecost

#### Luke 12, 16-21 Parable of the full barns of grain but empty soul.

This Gospel was chosen because it is the beginning of a series of teachings on our journey in this fasting period towards the feast of The Birth of Our Lord. Riches or poverty is not the object in itself, however, they may be an opportunity for getting closer or getting

further away from God and your neighbors.

Riches are not evil in themselves, for they come from God. However, the way in which we use these gifts can be good or bad. God gave the rich man these riches so they may be shared with others who are in need.

The rich man is a fool, despite his material success, because he vainly puts all his trust in his possessions rather than in God. The possessions became all important, even above all other things, until he was surprised by God's calling of his soul and all these material possessions were of no use.

Today's Gospel urges us to be more giving or merciful towards our neighbors, which is more according to the teachings of Our Saviour. Being good and merciful (riches) are gathered in our immortal soul where the physical death of the body can not scatter them. To be rich toward God is to have a life of close communion with Him through faith and good works.

## Schedule of Services

In preparation for the Feast of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be aware of the Christmas fasting period beginning November 15 and lasting till December 24.

There will be no service on Sunday, December 1st but do not forget the service on December 15 after which there will be the Christmas gathering and potluck dinner in the Boian Church hall. Hopefully, we will have a guest especially for the children.

Services will be held on the first and third Sunday in January (January 5th and 19th). On January 5th there will be the Blessing of the Water for the Feast of the Jordan. Make sure you bring some water and a container.

## New Alter Boy Vestments

We wish to thank the Boian Ladies Club for supporting the purchase of three sets of vestments for altar boys which were blessed during the Thanksgiving Service on October 20.

## Baptisms and Marriages

Davis Andrei Lupse of Vegreville was baptised on January 6, 2019. Godparents are Nicolae and Jana Cornoc.



Andrei and Voica Miziumschi of Edmonton were administered the sacrament of marriage on July 20, 2019 Godparents were Adrian and Ricuta Diaconasi.

Akos Szabo and Andra Bob of Edmonton were administered the sacrament of marriage on August 23, 2019. Godparents were Andrei and Voica Miziumschi.

*We pray the Lord will continue to bless and grant them health and long life!*

## Funerals

Victoria Euchuk fell asleep in the Lord on May 22, 2019 and was buried in the Boian Church Cemetery.

Gerald Hutska fell asleep in the Lord on July 28, 2019 and was buried in the Holy Ascension Cemetery, Ispas.

Keith Porozni fell asleep in the Lord on May. 7, 2019 and was buried in the Boian Church Cemetery.

Mike Perpeletza fell asleep in the Lord on Sept. 24, 2019 and was buried in the Boian Church Cemetery.

Helen Toma fell asleep in the Lord on Oct. 22, 2019 and was buried in the Malin Church Cemetery.

*May the Lord Rest the souls of His servants Victoria, Gerald, Keith, Mike, Helen and those resting with them. May their memory be eternal! Vesnica Pomenire!*