

## St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Romanian Orthodox Dioceses of Canada

### The "Priest's Page"

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Nineteenth Sunday following Pentecost

Luke 6: 31-36

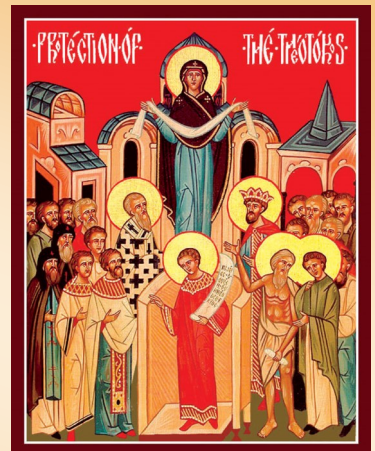
And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend *to those* from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

The Gospel for the 19th Sunday following Pentecost has many examples of spiritual advice and shows us the difference between a sinful person and a righteous one. Jesus knew that the Old Testament taught, ***"You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy"*** (Matthew 5:43). Jesus brings a new and radical command: ***"to love our enemies"*** as a true expression of life of the Kingdom. Having freed us from hate, sadness, and anger, He offers us the greatest possession of all - ***perfect love***. Such love calls us ***to bless, do good, and pray*** - even for our enemies.

### Dates to Remember

**October 1 - The Feast of the Protection** commemorates the appearance of the most holy Theotokos in the Church of Vlaherna in Constantinople in the tenth century. While the multitudes of the faithful were gathered in church, the Virgin Mary appeared above the faithful and spreading out her veil over them, signifying her unceasing protection of all Christians. Because of this, we keep a yearly feast of gratitude, imploring our Lady never to cease sheltering us in her mighty prayers. It confirms the Theotokos' consistent protection of Christian people.

**October 12-Thanksgiving Day** - *Let us give Thanks to God for all things.*



### Boian Church Website

Check out Boian Church's new website. From your browser, insert [boianchurch.ca](http://boianchurch.ca) to reach it. Suggestions are welcome and should be sent to [soprovich@digitalweb.net](mailto:soprovich@digitalweb.net).

## Funeral



Katrina Suprovich, age 95, fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, September 21, 2020. Funeral and internment were held on Saturday, September 26, 2020.

**May the Lord rest her soul. May her Memory be Eternal ! Vesnica Pomenire!**

## Schedule of Services-October 4 & 18

Prayer Services will continue to be held outside and in front of the church beginning at 11:00 a.m. on these Sundays, weather permitting . It looks like we may have a pleasant Fall, but with the weather getting cooler, please dress for the temperature.

## Celebrations!

**Birthdays:** Ross Bezovie (Sept 1), David Bezovie (Sept 11), Shirley Toma (Sept 21), Diane Wispinski (Sept 22), Bailey Lachance (Oct 7), Georgina Hauca (Oct 14), Georgina Eccleston (Oct 19) and David Hauca (Oct 26).



**Anniversaries:** Daphne and Arden Spachynski (Oct 7), Sharon and Ross Bezovie (Oct 10) and Jamie and Remi Lachance (Oct 13).

**May God grant you all health and long life. La Multi Ani !**

## Boian Ladies Club Fundraiser-October 23!

The Boian Ladies Club, an auxiliary of the Boian Church, is hosting the **Annual Boian Perogy Supper**. Come and join in this unique fundraiser (Drive By Perogy Supper) for the Ladies Club on Friday, Oct 23rd at Boian Hall from 4:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Contact Debbie Bezovie at 780-367-2011 or Sharon Bezovie at 780-367-2142, to place orders or for more information.



## Membership at Boian Church

These are difficult times for everyone, in many areas. One area is financial. This is a gentle reminder to those who have not paid their membership for the current year (2020).

Donations are important to the church because there still are many expenses even though there have not been any services. We have just recently replaced our 50 year old furnaces in the church, and maintenance and repairs of the building and care of the cemetery is always needed. If you are able, please continue sending your contributions and membership. Whatever you can afford is welcomed. We thank those who continue to support St. Mary's! You may send your membership or donation cheque to:

**St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church, Boian, P.O. Box 14, Willingdon, Alberta T0B 4R0**



## Tiny Bucovina from Canada

Over the last few years, Destiny Productions produced a film here in Boian about the Romanian pioneers who migrated from Boian, Bucovina to Boian, Alberta. This new documentary film about Boian, Alberta can be purchased or rented for viewing at the following link: <https://destinyproductions.vhx.tv/>