

St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church

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The "Priest's Page"

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Luke 16:19-31

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, who lay at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in Hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and you are tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from here to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from there. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that you send him to my father's house: For I have five brothers; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, No, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

The Gospel recorded by St. Luke the Apostle helps us to realize how precious our life here on the earth is as a preparation for life everlasting. We are taught that our life beyond the grave be it happy or desolate is dependent on how we live the mystery of merciful love for one another here on earth.

Dates to Remember



November 8 The Council of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel

November 11 Remembrance Day

November 21 The Entrance of the Virgin Mary into the Temple

The Blessed Virgin enters the Temple to become herself the living temple of God, thus inaugurating the New Testament in which are fulfilled the prophecies of old that "the dwelling of God is with man" and that the human person is the sole proper dwelling place of the Divine Presence.



A Prayer in time of Pandemic

Let us pray to the Lord,

O God, mighty Lord, of all who are true to you: Enable us to learn from the painful emptiness that so often assails us. Help us to understand that only you can fill that emptiness, but only if we truly desire it. Help us to love you and acknowledge your name. Assist us in our struggles to attain some wisdom and understanding, enabling us to attain a life that grows richer in quality with every day that passes. And grant that we may taste your saving power. For you deserve all glory, honour, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Funeral



Pearl Toma, age 87, fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, September 30, 2020. Funeral and internment were held on Saturday, October 10, 2020.

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

Schedule of Services-November 1 & 15

Due to the extension of the pandemic, services will be held in the church with strict restrictions, that is limited numbers of 30 people, distancing, masked faces, and sanitizing upon entering and exiting. Service will continue to begin at 11:00 a.m.

Birthdays - I have added this rubric because people have offered me the dates to send congratulations. If you have someone you would like to have greetings sent to via The Priest's Page, please notify me.

Emily (Bezovie) Thompson (Nov. 5), Diane Toma (Nov. 11), Lillian Bezovie and Katrina Lutic (Nov. 16), Nettie Toma (Nov. 20) and Peggy Soprovich (Nov. 23).

May God grant you all a long and healthy life. La Multi Ani !



Boian Ladies Club Fundraiser

The Boian Ladies Club held their Annual Perogy Supper fundraiser on Friday, October 23rd, but this year with a twist. It was strictly a preorder and takeout event. Many thanks and blessings to all those who spent countless hours making literally thousands of perogies, along with filling orders on the sale day. Good job ladies on the very successful supper!

Membership at Boian Church

These are difficult times for everyone, in many areas. One area is financial. This is a continual 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 and some funds have been coming but more are needed. 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

Documentary Film: *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/>

On behalf of the Boian Ladies Club,

I would like to thank the many volunteers and the Boian Ladies Club who made our first Drive By Perogy Supper a success.

Thank you to the 43 volunteers that volunteered to make the perogies at the two perogy work bees.

Thank you Lillian Bezovie for your expertise in organizing the food and sphere heading the kitchen.

Thank you Nettie Toma, Katherine Lutic, Irene Derda, and Lillian Bezovie for boiling all the perogies.

Thank you Jackie Toma, Cindy Kotelko, Janet Bezovie, Darline Shelemey, Sharon Bezovie and Carrie for packaging the orders.

Thank you Peggy Soprovich, Celina Woloschuk, Jamie Lachance and Jocelyn Bezovie for running the orders out and collecting the money.

Thank you Brad Bezovie and Darrell Toma for overseeing the money and keeping track of the floats and tips.

A very special thank you to all of you that donated flour, oil, eggs, potatoes, cheese, cake mixes, and money towards the supper.

Thank you David Hauca for the use of your power plant and light stand.

Thank you Jocelyn Bezovie for making the posters and the pre order forms, and to Peggy Soprovich for advertising on the Church website.

Thank you to the Willingdon Senior Center for the use of the dough spreader.

To my Vice- President Sharon Bezovie, thank you for taking the pre orders and for all your support and helping to plan this event.

I am truly sorry to those people who drove to Boian and never received an order. I never thought that we would have sold out in "Pre Orders".

Last of all, I would like to thank my husband David Bezovie (Constable Perogy) of the Boian Police Department for directing the traffic.

Without all these volunteers the Boian Drive By Perogy Supper would not have been a success.

Thank you to all that pre ordered and supported this event.

Sincerely,

Debbie Bezovie
President of the Boian Ladies Club

Boian Church Website

Check out Boian Church's new website! From your browser, insert boianchurch.ca to reach it. Suggestions are welcome and should be sent to soprovich@digitalweb.net.