

St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church

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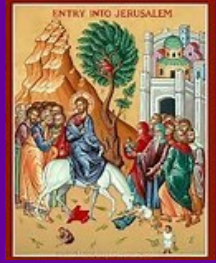
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Palm Sunday-Gospel Reading

Matthew 21: 1-11

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethany, to the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

*"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."*

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee." But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant; and they said to him, "Do you hear what they are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes, have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings, you have brought perfect praise'?"

And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

This Sunday we celebrate Christ's Triumphant entry into Jerusalem



The Gospel for Palm Sunday or The Entry of Christ into Jerusalem, foretells the victory of Christ over Death. Palm Sunday summons us to behold our king: the Word of God made flesh. Palm Sunday summons us to accept both the rule and the kingdom of God as the goal and content of our Christian life. Palm Sunday summons us to behold our king - the Suffering Servant. Palm Sunday summons us to hold palms in our hands as symbols of Christ's victory and as signs of a virtuous Christian life.

Schedule of Services

Please Note: Due to the increasing danger to the public because of COVID-19, there will be no Palm Sunday Service and Blessing of the Willows, or Resurrection Day Services and Blessing of the of the eggs, meats and pascha. On Easter Morning, you may use the Holy Water you have at home to bless your baskets while singing Christ is Risen! Hristos A Inviat!



Ladies Club Board Elections

On March 8, 2020, the Boian Ladies Club members held their Annual General Meeting and the following ladies were elected:

President: Debbie Bezovie
Vice-President: Sharon Bezovie
Secretary: Janet Bezovie
Treasurer: Katrina Lutic
Directors: Nettie Toma, Irene Derda, Lil Bezovie, Peggy Soprovich and Jamie Lachance.
Auditors: Nettie Toma and Lil Bezovie



"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"



A BIG thank you goes to Janet Bezovie who was President for the last fifteen years and other ladies who have served on the previous board.

Church Board Elections

On March 15, 2020, the Boian Church members held their Annual General Meeting following the Divine Liturgy and the following members were elected:

President: Ross Bezovie
Vice-President: David Hauca
Secretary: Peggy Soprovich
Treasurer: Lil Bezovie
Directors: Barry Soprovich, Willie Derda, Brad Bezovie, David Bezovie, Darline Shelemey and Ervin Esak.
Past President: Daryl Toma.

Another BIG thank you goes to Willis Soprovich and Gerald Toma for each of their 20+ years as members of the Church Board. God Bless You All!

Birthday

We would like to congratulate Lil Toma on reaching another birthday on Friday, April 3, 2020. Many Happy Returns of the Day, Lil. *La Multi Ani!*

Funeral

Mary Lou Toma fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, March 27, 2020. A private, graveside funeral service was held on Saturday, April 4, 2020.



May the Lord rest the soul of Mary Lou and all those resting with her.
Memory Eternal! Vesnica Pomenire!

Here are some **Orthodox Links** which might be of interest to you;

The Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas www.metropolia.us

The Romanian Orthodox Diocese of Canada www.episcopia.ca

The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada www.uocc.ca