

St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church

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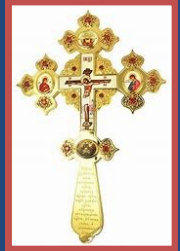
The "Priest's Page"

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Matthew 21: 33-44

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

The parable in this gospel teaches that God calls all of us to be responsible stewards of His gifts to us. We are free to accept this call or not. Those who do not will be left out of God's house. We are stewards in His house and not the masters. Jesus Christ shows that He is the stone that was rejected and became the corner stone on which our salvation depends.

By God's mercy, may we enjoy the fruits of our labours as we are reminded of the parable of the talents and His words, "Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your lord". *Matthew 25:23.*

Students Prayer

This is a prayer for all student returning to school, albeit, in very different circumstances compared to other years. This coronavirus will not last forever and we will all get through it together.

"Christ our Lord, the Giver of light and wisdom, who opened the eyes of the blind man and transformed the fishermen into wise heralds and teachers of the gospel through the coming of the Holy Spirit, shine also in the minds of the students returning to a new school year, the light of the grace of the Holy Spirit. Grant them discernment, understanding and wisdom in learning. Enable them to complete their assignments and to abound in every good work and keep them safe from the pandemic. Yours it is to have mercy on us, O Lord our God, and to You we give glory: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen."

Distribution List

"The Priest's Page" was started so I can reach out to more of our parishioners than I do when we are in church, and to those who are interested in hearing from Boian. This page is meant to be an educational tool so 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. If you know of anyone who would like to receive "The Priest's Page", please send their email address to mpanciuk@yahoo.com and I will add it to my distribution list.

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.

Schedule of Service

The pandemic curve has flattened somewhat over the last month, but due to the anticipated second wave, services will continue to be held outside of the church.

September 6 & 20. Prayer Services will be held beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the altar outdoors in front of the church (weather permitting) similar to those held on August 2 and 16. The weather is getting cooler so please dress for the temperature.

Dates to Remember

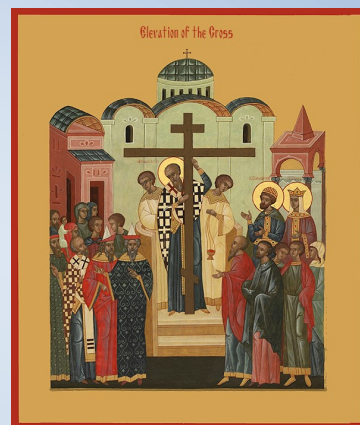


September 8

The Birth of the Virgin Mary. The feast commemorates the birth of the Virgin Mary (Theotokos), the Mother of all people. It is the first feast of the new liturgical (church) year which begins on September 1.

September 14

The Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross. This feast commemorates the discovery by Saint Helen and Archbishop Macarios of Jerusalem, of the Holy Cross upon which Our Saviour was crucified. It is one of the most important Holy Relics of the church and considered one of the 12 Great Feasts of the church year.



Funeral

Floyd Esak fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday August 23, 2020. A private funeral was held on Saturday August 29, 2020.

Sandy Mihalchan fell asleep on the Lord on Thursday, April 9, 2020. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

May the Lord rest the souls of His servants Floyd and Sandy. May their Memories be Eternal! Vesnica Pomenire !

Anniversary

We like to congratulate George and Pearl Demchuk on celebrating their 73rd Wedding Anniversary. **God bless you both and La Multi Ani!**

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 are always needed. If you are able, please continue sending your contributions and membership. Whatever you can afford is welcomed. We thank those who have paid their membership or sent in a donation.

You may send your membership or donation cheque to:

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