



St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church

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The "Priest's Page"

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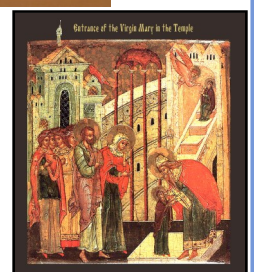
Luke 8, 41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter and those who were with him said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

This Gospel shows us that healing power originates from Christ and comes through His garment. Likewise, we use physical things in the Orthodox Church because in the context of faith and prayer, the power of Christ works through them. There is power in the elements of an icon, only if it is sanctified by Christ. Therefore, to trustingly touch the border of His garment was to touch Him. Many have touched Christ, but this woman's faith draws His power as well.

Dates to Remember

- November 8** Feast (Synaxis) of the Holy Archangels, Michael and Gabriel.
- November 14** Feast of the Holy Apostle Philip, one of the Twelve.
- November 15** Nativity Fast Begins.
- November 16** Feast of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.
- November 21** The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple.
- November 30** Feast of the Holy Apostle Andrew, the First-Called and one of the Protectors of our Diocese.



Schedule of Services

N.B. Time change this weekend!

November 7 Prayer Service in time of Pandemic

Service will begin at 11:00 a.m. All Covid-19 restrictions have now been lifted for Alberta, but we still need to be prudent and cautious while gathering. There will be moderate restrictions for the month of November services. Masks will be mandatory. We ask that you continue sanitizing upon entering the church and keep the two (2) metre distance between family groups and sanitize upon leaving the church.



November 14 Prayer Service in time of Pandemic.

Service will begin at 11:00 a.m. with same moderate restrictions as November 7th. We request anyone who has any cold or flu symptoms or is not comfortable to attend not come to church. You may follow services through live streaming at stnicholaschurch.org for English and catedralasfgheorghe.ca for Romanian. Do not forget the time difference for these two churches is two (2) hrs. They are in the Eastern Time Zone.

Membership (Stewardship) at Boian Church

These past almost two years have been very difficult on all of us because of there COVID-19 pandemic with its many variances. Churches have seen a major drop in attendance and with that also a drop in finances. Services have continued to be held and upkeep of the church property also needs to be maintained. Those receiving The Priest's Page have a strong relationship with St. Mary's on the hill and we ask all to continue to donate, whatever you can afford to the Church Fund. Any amount is welcomed. We thank those who continue to support St. Mary's. You may send your membership or donation to : **St Mary Romanian Orthodox Church, Boian. P.O. Box 14 Willingdon, Alberta T0B 4R0**

Prayers after the Harvest

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, The God of all mercies and bounties, whose mercy cannot be measured, and whose love for mankind is unfathomable deep; with fear and trembling, we fall down in adoration before Thy majesty, unprofitable servants that we are. We humbly thank Thee for the blessings of the harvest Thou hast given Thy servants. We glorify Thee, we praise Thee, we sing to Thee, our Lord and Master and Defender. As Thou hast graciously received Thy servants' prayers and granted them a good harvest, grant us peace, tranquility, and health so we may grow in virtue and love for Thee, and may partake of all Thy benefits and so we will always offer thanksgiving to Thee, together with You Father who is without beginning, and Thy most holy, and good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen



Funerals

A memorial service was performed on Sunday, October 17, 2021 for Gheorghe Petrachi on the occasion of eleven years since his falling asleep in the Lord.

A grave side memorial service for Jack Craig Hutscal, who fell asleep in the Lord on May 10, 2021, was held on Sunday, October 17, 2021.

May our good and loving Lord rest their souls among the righteous in His Kingdom. Memorial Eternal ! Vesnica lor Pomenire!

Anniversary and Birthday Greetings

We extend best wishes to all parishioners celebrating a birthday or anniversary during the month of November.
May God grant you all many years! La Multi Ani !

A Prayer in time of the Pandemic

Lord Jesus Christ our God, You Who created human beings with utter goodness, the healer of our souls and bodies, heed now the supplication of Your children, and save us from the impending threat against the world. For this affliction has spread ferociously and the fear of death has surrounded us. Many have suffered and many have passed on to repose, and there is none to save us, except You, O Lord. We know, Merciful Lord, that all this will cultivate our faith, as we implore you, crying out in utter repentance. Undo, O Lord, the dangerous effects of the virus and heal all people, as a most Gracious Lord. For those, who repose in peace, give rest in Your heavenly abode. Grant peace to the world, so that all people know that You are the Only God, and your faithful are not bound by death, but live forever. For You are our hope and our whole life is in Your benevolent hands, and to You we give glory, as well as to the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Boian Church Website

Check out the Boian Church website! From your browser, insert boianchurch.ca to reach it. Suggestions for the site are welcome and should be directed to Peggy Soprovich at soprovich@digitalweb.net.