



## St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Romanian Orthodox Dioceses of Canada



### The "Priest's Page"

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### **27th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Luke 13:10-17**

*(Healing of the woman with infirmity)*

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

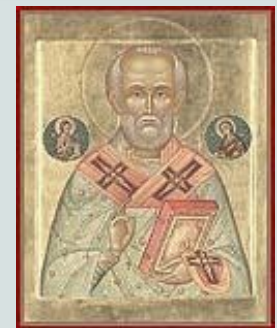
But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."

The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

*This Gospel shows that in spite of her infirmity and how she humbly suffered through it, the woman in the Gospel did not have the courage to request anything from Jesus Christ. She carried her cross and suffering in humility and silence. Jesus none-the-less with compassion and mercy healed her of her infirmity. God in His infinite wisdom, knows the life and sufferings of each one of us and knows our faith, humility, and patience, chooses the time and place when to relieve us of our illness and suffering. The time and method of God's response may differ from our expectations, but will always be for the salvation of all. At times God will not come when we call, at other times God will call us when we do not expect it. God loves us all and has His own timetable and methods when dealing with humans.*

### **Dates to Remember**

- December 6    Feast day of St. Nicholas
- December 25    Feast day of the Birth of Our Saviour Jesus Christ.
- December 26    The Synaxis (Council) of the Mother of God.
- December 27    Feast day of St. Stefan the First Martyr for Christ.



### **Anniversary and Birthday Greetings**

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

## Schedule of Services

### December 5 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 December 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.

### December 19 Prayer Service in time of Pandemic.

Service will begin at 11:00 a.m. with same moderate restrictions as December 5. 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](http://stnicholaschurch.org) for English and [catedralasfgheorghe.ca](http://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.

### December 24 Possible Christmas Eve Service and Carol Sing. TBA

## Membership (Stewardship) at Boian Church

These past almost two years have been very difficult on all of us because of the 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* and others, 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. The fiscal year is coming to an end and it is an opportune time to think of your yearly contribution to the church. Any amount is welcomed. We thank those who continue to support St. Mary's. You may send your membership or donation to: **St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church, Boian. P.O. Box 14, Willingdon, Alberta T0B 4R0**

## Funerals/Memorials

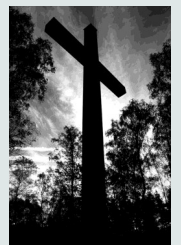
Edna Pesaruk, of Vegreville, mother of Peggy Soprovich, fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday November 7, 2021. Internment was held following the service.

Don Mosiuk, of Ardrossan, fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, November 15, 2021. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 20, 2021 followed by internment.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, November 7, 2021 for Remembrance Day.

A one year memorial service was held on Sunday, November 7, 2021 for Eleanor Anderson.

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



## 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](http://boianchurch.ca) to reach it. Suggestions for the site are welcome and should be directed to Peggy Soprovich at [soprovich@digitalweb.net](mailto:soprovich@digitalweb.net).