



## St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Romanian Orthodox Dioceses of Canada

### The "Priest's Page"

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Matthew 4, 18-23

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

*The Gospel shows us that the Church is founded by the Person Jesus Christ, His teaching and work and on the living relationship with people through the Holy Spirit. Therefore Christ's Church is not founded only on the teachings of Christ but more importantly on His divine human Person. The Church then, is not a simple human institution of this world instituted by humans as are societies, associations or clubs.*

*The Church is founded by the initiative and through the work of God Himself for the salvation of mankind so that the divine human life of Jesus Christ is shared with all of mankind through the Grace of the Holy Trinity. We are also called to be witnesses to this truth.*

### Prohod

We would like to thank those people who attended the Blessing of the Graves (Prohod) and followed the Covid protocols set down by Alberta Health Services. As more and more people receive the vaccine, the closer we get to some semblance of normal when we will be able to meet and greet each other as we are accustomed. We have been quite patient till now, just a little more and God willing, we will exit this tunnel into bright light and fresh air.

### Anniversary and Birthday Greetings

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

### Dates to Remember

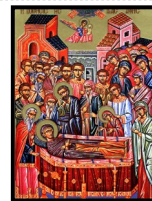
July 1 Canada Day



O'Canada



July 25 The Falling Asleep of St. Anna, mother of the Holy Birthgiver of God.



### Boian Church Website

Check out Boian Church's website! From your browser, insert [boianchurch.ca](http://boianchurch.ca) to reach it. Suggestions for the site are welcome and should be sent to Peggy Soprovich at [soprovich@digitalweb.net](mailto:soprovich@digitalweb.net).

## Schedule of Services

### July 4 Prayer Service in time of Pandemic

Service will begin at **11:00 a.m.** We will be strictly following provincial protocols for church gatherings. Masks, social distancing, and sanitizing will be strictly monitored. Only 15 people can be in the church at one time, including the priest. Any number over 15, please wait in your vehicle until you are ushered in.

### July 18 Prayer Service in time of Pandemic.

Service will begin at **11:00 a.m.** with same restrictions as July 4th.

We request anyone who has any cold or flu symptoms or is not comfortable to attend, to not come to church. You may follow services through live streaming at [stnicholaschurch.org](http://stnicholaschurch.org) for English and [catedralasfgeorghe.ca](http://catedralasfgeorghe.ca) for Romanian. *Do not forget the time difference for these two churches is two hours. They are in the Eastern Time Zone.*

**N.B. Prayers for these services will be held outdoors, weather permitting.**

## A Prayer in time of the Pandemic

Lord, we thank you for creating us from nothingness. Having disobeyed your life-giving commandment as we inherited the shadow of death and corruption, becoming wretched servants, you have restored us back to life because of your great mercy and paternal love.

You gave us the means of a new life. Yet, by your immense compassion, you still care of us and you desire our salvation, transforming the many occurrences in our lives into circumstances that lead to salvation.

Here we are today, your sheep and the creation of your hands, leaning on your great mercy. Our world suffers many difficulties, strife, wars, divisions, and diseases. The shadow of death hovers over us, mercilessly reaping the souls of people through a pandemic named "Corona" that is crawling everywhere.

Today the human being that you have created trembles under the blast of this dreadful pandemic. The bodies of people lie everywhere begging for someone to bury them. The dead depart from this mortal world without farewell from neither relatives, family, nor friends.

We have sinned before you, Lord of all, but we also hope for nothing else but You. O Lord Jesus Christ, the Merciful and Life-giving Lord, who has the power over life and death, health and disease, O Compassionate, Merciful, and Long-suffering Lord, pity us for the abundance of your mercy and defeat this fearful plague that threatens our lives, so weak as we are. For how many are the days of our lives. What is our life unless it is crowned with a pure repentance which we hope for by your divine grace! O Lord, heal all the sick and support with your mighty hand the medical and service corps who watch over the health of others. Give them peace and enlightenment; comfort the souls of the departed. Yes, Lord, have mercy on us and wipe away this plague, so that we live according to your will. Accept our repentance and confession, unworthy as we are and have mercy on us and on your world.

Accept our supplication, O Most Merciful Lord, so that we praise you with proper repentance and glorification, for you are God the Lover of Mankind, through the intercessions of our all-immaculate Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary; by the might of the precious and Life-giving Cross, the prayers of your holy Apostles, our God-bearing fathers, the honourable martyrs, the pure righteous, and all your saints. Amen.



## Funerals



Lisa Ann (Basiuk) Stonehouse, cousin of Cindy Esak, fell asleep in the Lord on May 1, 2021 and was buried on May 10, 2021.

Bill Lutyck fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday May 20, 2021 and was buried on May 29, 2021. The 40 Day Memorial Service was held for the late Bill Lutyck on Sunday June 27, 2021.

*May the Lord rest their souls! May their memories be eternal! Vesnica Pomenire!*

## Membership (Stewardship) at Boian Church

These are still difficult times for everyone, in many areas. One area is financial.

This is gentle reminder that 2021 membership to the Church are now due. The membership dues have not changed for a number of years; they are still \$75/ person or \$150/family.

Donations are important to the church. There are still many expenses and some funds have been coming but more are needed. If you are able, please continue sending your contributions and membership. What ever you can afford is welcomed. We thank those who continue to support St. Mary's. You may send your membership or donation to :

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