



St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Romanian Orthodox Dioceses of Canada



The "Priest's Page"

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Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 3:13-17

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becomes us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying,

"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

"The Baptism of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is also called Theophany or Epiphany. This is a reference to the appearance of the Emperor to the public in ancient times. "He who shows Himself in the world is the One who created the world". Jesus is ordained to come into the world to show the love God the Father has, and for the world to turn back to loving God. It is for this reason Our Saviour instituted the service of thanksgiving, that is, The Divine Liturgy.

Our Lord Jesus Christ does not come to the Jordan River as a simple man from the world, but as the Creator and Builder of the world. The Creator comes in the form of a person to His Creation, therefor giving this feast a cosmic dimension".

(His Beatitude Daniel)

The Christmas Candle

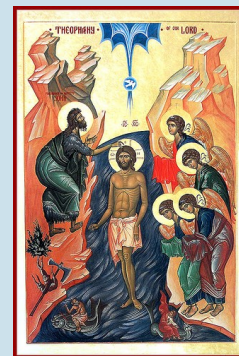
We thank those who donated towards the Christmas Candle for Christmas Eve. We also thank all those who helped make the Christmas Eve Carol Service a success. To those who prepared the church, the treat bags, *The Hutschal Trio* and *Sorin Zmau*, and all that were present, a big thank you.

Calendarele Bisericești pe anul 2023

Ne-au sosit citeva calendare bisericești de perete și de buzunar. Le puteți cumpara la biserica Sf. Maria din Boian atunci cind este slujba. Costul lor este "o donație la biserica.

Dates to Remember

- January 7 The Feast of John the Baptist.
- January 22 The Holy Apostle Timothy
- January 31 The Holy Three Hierarchs, St. Basil the Great,
St. Gregory the Theologian, and St. John Chrysostom.



Membership (Stewardship) at Boian Church

We thank you for choosing to be members of St. Mary's on the Hill and for the donations you have given. Income tax receipts will be issued for all donations.

We ask that you continue supporting St. Mary's Boian. Continue the legacy left to us by those faithful pioneers who settled in the Boian area over 100 years ago. You may send your membership and/or donation to :

**St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church,
Boian. P.O. Box 14, Willingdon, Alberta T0B 4R0**

Memorials /Funerals

Daniela Lavinia (Dana) fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday December 15, 2022. Internment was held on Friday 30, 2022 in Edmonton

*May the Lord rest her soul and may He number her amongst the righteous !
Dumnezeu să-o ierte și să-o numere cu drepții !*

Schedule of Services

(N.B. Schedule of services for the month of January is changed to the second and fourth of the month).

January 8, 2023 Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Feast of the Jordan

The Service of Blessing of the Waters for the Feast of The Jordan will be held on January 8, 2023, following the Divine Liturgy, at which time bottles of Holy Water will be handed out to those who attend. Those who wish to have their homes blessed please contact Fr. Mircea to make arrangements for an appointment.

January 22, 2023. Divine Liturgy at 10:00a.m.