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Fourth Sunday Following Holy Pascha (Easter)

John 5:1-15

Hristos A Înviat ! Adevărat A Înviat ! Christ Is Risen ! Indeed He Is Risen !

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate, a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.' Then they asked him, 'Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?' But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, 'See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.'" The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

The period following Holy Pascha (Easter) Our Saviour Jesus Christ shows us that in Him dwells the source of life and health, the source of mercy and forgiveness of sins, the source of the raising of man from death caused by sin and the forecasting of eternal life. On the second Sunday after Pascha, Our Saviour heals the doubting Thomas of his unbelief by telling him to "not be unbelieving, but believing". The Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing women, our Saviour heals them of their sadness and fear by telling them "Rejoice and do not be afraid". The following Sunday Jesus heals a paralyzed man at the pool of Siloam. The Sunday of the Samaritan woman, the Gospel tells us He heals the woman of her levity in love and the 6th Sunday following Pascha our Saviour gives sight to a man born blind. These healings performed by Our Saviour Jesus Christ shows the world His Godly powers and His great and merciful love for mankind.

We pray God to assist all those who are suffering, to transform their sickness in the hope of healing and salvation through their meeting with the resurrected Christ, the doctor of our souls and bodies to the Glory of the Holy Trinity.



125TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOIAN PIONEERS

CELEBRATION AND BBQ

July 30, 2023



St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church of Boian will be celebrating the 125th year anniversary of the coming of the first Romanian pioneers to Alberta, where they settled and built the Church on the Hill.

His Grace Bishop Ioan Casian and the clergy of the Western Deanery of the Romanian Orthodox Dioceses of Canada will be serving the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. followed by an Alberta style BBQ on the grounds of the Romanian Museum.

Tickets for the celebration are available from any Church Board member and/or Georgina Eccleston (780-457-7837), Lil Bezovie (780-367-2236) and Darline Shelemey (780-973-6768).

Come to this important celebration honouring those Romanian Pioneers who gave us their legacy.

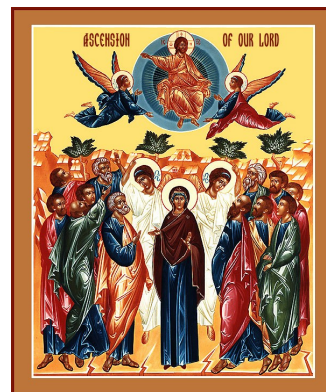
Dates To Remember

May 21 Blessing of the Graves at Boian.

May 25 The Ascension of Our Lord.

Schedule of Services

May 21 **10:00 a.m.** Divine Liturgy followed by the Blessing of the Graves celebrated by Fr. George Bazgan and Fr. Gheorghe Petrovan. (Church service at Sts. Constantin and Elena Church in Edmonton will not be held at this time.)



Church Anniversary/Ordination-May 14

On May 14, the blessing of exterior Icons at Sts. Constantine and Elena Romanian Orthodox Church, Edmonton took place in the presence of His Grace Bishop Ioan Casian and a number of priests from the Western Deanery.

We congratulate Fr. George Bazgan and the members of Sts. Constantine and Elena Church, the daughter church of St. Mary's on the Hill, on continuing the legacy and mission brought to Alberta by those pioneers who came from Boian, Bucovina at the end of the 1800's and beginning of the 1900's.

Ordination

Cristian Ioan Bujor of Calgary was ordained Deacon on Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 14, 2023 in Sts. Constantine and Elena Romanian Orthodox Church, Edmonton. The ordination took place on the 75th Anniversary of church's forming, the Patron Saint Day and the blessing of the exterior mosaic icons recently completed.



Deacon Cristian Ioan, Deacon Cristian's wife and child, and parents and His Grace, Bishop Ioan Cassian.

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

Birthday & Anniversary Greetings

We extend best wishes to all parishioners celebrating a birthday or anniversary during the month of May.

*God grant you all many years!
La Multi Ani !*

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.