



## ***St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church***

A Parish of the Romanian Orthodox Dioceses of Canada

### **The "Priest's Page"**

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**The Nativity of Our Saviour Jesus Christ**

**Luke 1: 1-20**

***Christ is Born !      Glorify Him !      Hristos se Naste !      Mariti-l !***

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria). And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David). To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.***

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

#### **The Christmas Candle**

As in years past we will have the lighting of the special Christmas (Advent) Candle at the Christmas Eve Service. Anyone wishing to donate to this year's candle should see Fr. Mircea, Brad Bezovie (at the candles in church) or Lil Bezovie.

#### **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".

## December 24 - Christmas Eve Service (4:00 p.m.)

Do not forget, we will continue the tradition of welcoming the young child Jesus' birth on Christmas Eve with carols.

The special service will begin at 4:00 p.m. with the lighting of the Christmas Candle, followed by Prayers and Carols and culminating with the blessing of the gifts. The *Hutschal Trio* will be with us again and will be joined by Sorin Zmau and his guitar. Please join us!



## Memorials /Funerals

Ann Toma, wife of Lawrence Toma, fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, December 14, 2022. A Celebration of life will take place during the summer of 2023.

Barbara Worobets, aunt of Brad, Daphne & Donna Bezovie, fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, December 14, 2022. Funeral services and interment was at Sunland Church (Andrew, AB) on Tuesday, December 20th.

A one year Memorial Service was held on Sunday, December 18, 2022 for Ioana Petrovan, mother of Deacon Gheorghe.

*May the Lord rest their souls and may He number them amongst the righteous !  
Dumnezeu să-i ierte și să-i numere cu drepții !*

## Dates to Remember

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

The Service of the 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 should contact Fr. Mircea to make arrangements for an appointment.

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

## Membership (Stewardship) at Boian Church

The end of the year has arrived and we ask, if you have not done so already, that you pay your church membership before the end of December, 2022.

Membership is \$75 per person or \$150 per family with children under the age of 18. We thank you for choosing to be members at St. Mary's on the Hill and for the donations you have given. Income tax receipts will be issued for all donations. You may send your membership or donation to:

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

## Church Christmas Decorations



We would like to thank the person or persons who decorated the railings of the Memorial Cross and the entrance to the church with big red bows. This is the third year that you have done this and we thank you for bringing the Christmas spirit to Boian. It is also touching to see some of the grave sites in the cemetery decorated, a tradition left to us from the first pioneers that came at the turn of the last century. The souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord also celebrate the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.