



St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church

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The "Priest's Page"

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27th Sunday after Pentecost (Jesus heals Crippled Woman on the Sabbath)

Luke 13, 10-17

On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath."

The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

This gospel reveals, on the one hand, God's power to heal, as shown in Jesus' healing love, and on the other hand the hidden virtues of the crippled woman who "had been bound by Satan for eighteen years" was possessed. The woman brought together the patience of carrying the crippling disease with the work of her unceasing prayer. The healing of the disease without being asked shows Jesus' love for all, especially those who have a living and merciful faith. We are also shown that good deeds are not reserved only for work days but also on holy days.

When we fulfill good deeds, those for whom they are done, are happy for them and praise Christ God for His goodness which are shown by those who do the good deeds. Our Saviour is calling us to strengthen our faith and patience, cultivate humility, and increase our prayers, in times of trials and tribulations.

Merciful people become the loving and merciful hands of Christ in the world.

Dates to Remember

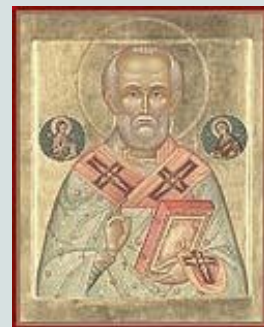
December 6 St. Nicholas the Wonder Worker.

December 9 The Conception by Righteous Anna of the Most-holy Theotokos.

December 25 The Feast day of the Birth of Our Saviour Jesus Christ.

December 26 The Synaxis (Council) of The Most Holy Theotokos .

December 27 The Holy First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen



Schedule of Services

December 4 (No Service at Boian)

NB: Father Mircea will be serving with HG Bishop Ioan Casian at the Feast day of St. Andrew's Romanian Orthodox Church in Calgary.

December 11 Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Followed by the Family Christmas gathering at Boian Hall (Potluck).
Special Visitor for Children! Please bring a wrapped gift for each of your children.

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

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!

Membership (Stewardship) at Boian Church

We continue to ask the readers of The Priest's Page to support with prayers and donations the mission of Saint Mary's. By supporting, you also carry on the precious legacy left to us by those pioneers who brought the faith, traditions, and helped open the land of this great province. Any amount is welcomed. 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

A memorial service for Marin Filoftea, Dumitra Dinca and Adrian Prodon and all those resting with them was held on Sunday, October 16, 2022.

A one year memorial for Don Mosiuk was held on Sunday, November 13, 2022.

A 40 day memorial for Kathleen Elko was held on Sunday, November 27, 2022.



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

Memorial Eternal! Vesnica lor Pomenire!



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.

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 !

Boian Church Website

Check out the 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.