



## St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Romanian Orthodox Dioceses of Canada

### The "Priest's Page"

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#### The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise (Cheese Fare Sunday)

Matthew 6, 14-21

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; *and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

*Jesus Christ, in this Gospel talks about fasting and tells us that forgiveness is the best way to begin the fast. Our relationship with God has a direct relationship on how we relate to each other. We can not become close to God without being close to our neighbours, for we are all created in His image and likeness and therefore there exists a holy relationship between God and each one of us. The Gospel shows us that fasting is done for and by the individual, not as a prideful act to be witnessed by people but by God only. The Fast is a time to add to our being the loving and sanctifying presence of the Everlasting God. St. Luke the Evangelist tells us that the Kingdom of God is within us (Luke 17, 21) and this is a time of preparation for the ascent towards the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the Light of Resurrection.*

#### Dates to Remember

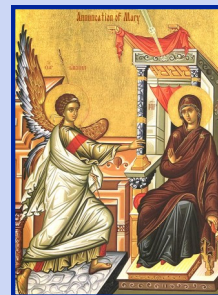
March 7 The Beginning of The Great Fast

March 13 The First Sunday of Lent (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

**N.B. Daylight Saving Time change (move your clock ahead one hour)**

March 25 The Annunciation of our Most Holy Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

March 27 The Third Sunday of Lent. (Veneration of the Holy Cross).



#### Anniversary and Birthday Greetings

We extend best wishes to all parishioners celebrating a birthday or anniversary during the month of March. *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](http://boianchurch.ca) to reach it. Suggestions for the site are welcome and should be directed to Peggy Soprovich at [soprovich@digitalweb.net](mailto:soprovich@digitalweb.net).

## Schedule of Services

**N.B. Beginning Sunday, March 6, 2022 services will revert back to the celebration of The Divine Liturgy.**

### **March 6 - Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.**

Services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Provincial COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed but those who still wish to wear the mask and sanitize many do so upon entering and leaving the church. Continue to be prudent and cautious while gathering indoors.

### **March 20 - Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.**

Conditions for attending service will be the same as what was requested for March 6th. 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 [catedralasfgheorghe.ca](http://catedralasfgheorghe.ca) for Romanian. Do not forget the time difference for these two churches is two (2) hrs. They are in the Eastern Time Zone.



### **A Prayer for cessation of war in Ukraine**

O Lord Jesus, Servant and Master, Bringer of Peace and Reconciliation, with deep sorrow and concern, we cry out to you for the beginnings of this war now occurring in Ukraine. We long for you to arrest this violence and destruction, to bring this war to a just end, and for your protection for all innocent victims and everyone directly involved in military action, in Ukraine and in Russia. For You are the Prince of Peace and the Saviour of our souls and to you we ascribe glory, to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, always now and ever and unto ages.

## Memorials

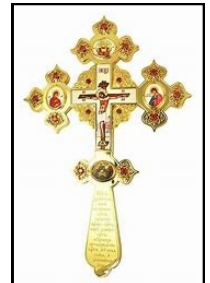
A Forty Day Memorial Service was held on Sunday February 6, 2022 for Ioana Petrovan.

A One Year Memorial Service was held on Sunday February 6, 2022 for Gheorghe Draghici.

A Forty Day Memorial was held on February 20 and 27, 2022 for Delima Iftody.

May the Lord Rest their Souls !  
Memory Eternal !

Dumnezeu sa-i ierte !  
Vesnica lor Pomenire !



## Membership (Stewardship) at Boian Church

We would like to thank all those in the past years who have retained or became new members and/or have donated to the "Church on the Hill", Saint Mary's.

We continue to ask the readers of The Priest's Page to support with prayers and donations to 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**

## A Prayer in time of the Pandemic

Lord Jesus Christ our God, You Who created human beings with utter goodness, the healer of our souls and bodies, heed now the supplication of Your children, and save us from the impending threat against the world. For this affliction has spread ferociously and the fear of death has surrounded us. Many have suffered and many have passed on to repose, and there is none to save us, except You, O Lord.

We know, Merciful Lord, that all this will cultivate our faith, as we implore you, crying out in utter repentance. Undo, O Lord, the dangerous effects of the virus and heal all people, as a most Gracious Lord. For those, who repose in peace, give rest in Your heavenly abode. Grant peace to the world, so that all people know that You are the Only God, and your faithful are not bound by death, but live forever.

For You are our hope and our whole life is in Your benevolent hands, and to You we give glory, as well as to the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.