



St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church

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The "Priest's Page"

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Matthew 14, 14-22

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

"He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.



Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

*The feeding of the multitude takes place only **after** they were filled by His word. The urging therefore, by Jesus Christ is to first give sustenance to the soul through the listening of the Word of God and the requesting healing of the soul and body from Jesus Christ. Our Saviour shows the distinction between, but does not separate, food for the soul and food for body. Food for the soul is given more importance without denying the fact that man is a body which should not be despised, but should be cared for. The participation of the disciples distributing the loaves and fish shows us that Jesus feeds His flock at the Eucharist through His servants, priests. The gospel also shows us that each one of us should give what ever we can and to do it to the best of our ability.*

Ordination

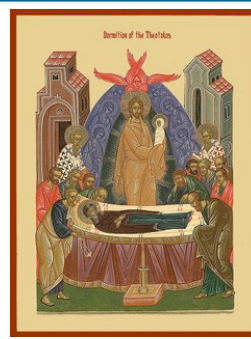
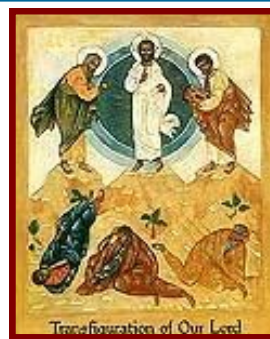
On Sunday, July 10, 2022, a member of St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church of Boian, Gheorghe Petrovan, was ordained to the office of Deacon at Holy Trinity Romanian Orthodox of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The diaconate is almost an exclusive liturgical function in which the deacon assists in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and other Church services. The Rev. Fr. Deacon Gheorghe has been attached to St. Mary's on the hill as a first step in the eventual ordination to the priesthood. We wish to thank Fr. Calin and Preoteasa Simona Marincasi and the members of Holy Trinity Church for wishing to host this ordination. Rev. Deacon Gheorghe is a graduate with a Master's Degree from one of the Theological Universities of Romania. He lives with his wife Domnita and their two daughters, Alexandra and Andra, in Edmonton.



May God grant newly ordained Father Deacon Gheorghe a pure and undefiled Diaconate !

Dates To Remember

- August 1 Beginning of the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos fast.
- August 6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord.
- August 15 The Falling Asleep of the Theotokos and end of the fast.
- August 29 The Beheading of St. John the Baptist.



Schedule of Services (Please refrain from attending church services if you or your family have any covid symptoms.)

August 7 Divine Liturgy Begins at 10:00 a.m.

August 21 There will be **No Service** on the third Sunday of August

*N.B. Father Mircea will be out of province from August 19 to August 30, 2022. For any urgent services during this period, please contact Father George Bazgan at 1-480-473-0029 or Father Tim Chrapko at 1-780-818-4175.

Birthday & Anniversary Greetings

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

God grant you all many years! La Multi Ani !

Baptism

Eva, daughter of Maxim and Elena Ciobanu was baptized on July 30, 2022. Godparents are Sergiu and Ana Reznec, Lucian and Ludmila Lechovolea, and Vadim and Tatiana Sentevoi.

We pray that God will grant them health and many years ! La Multi Ani !

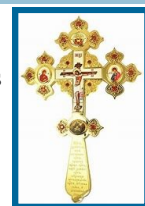
Funeral & Memorial Services

Mrs. Veronia "Vera" Rudyk, formerly of Hairy Hill, fell Asleep in the Lord on June 23, 2022. The Funeral service was held on July 4, 2022 at Holy Cross Romanian Orthodox Church Cemetery, Malin.

A funeral service for Michael Kulmatyski, son of Doreen (Hauca) Kulmatyski was held in Edmonton on July 15, 2022, followed by internment at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

An internment service was held for Nicolae Ifody on Sunday, July 17, 2022 at the Boian Cemetery.

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



Boian Church Website

Check out Boian Church website. From your browser, insert boianchurch.ca to. Reach it. Suggestions for the site are welcomed and should be directed to Peggy Soprovich at soprovich@digitalweb.net.

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 their faith, traditions, and helped open the land of this great province. Any amount is welcomed. You may send your membership or donation to :

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