



St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church

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Matthew 19:16-26

Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?"

So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness' and you shall love your neighbour as yourself.' "The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"

Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

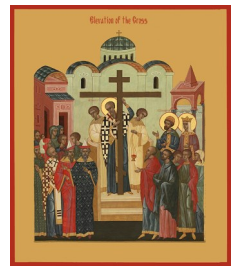
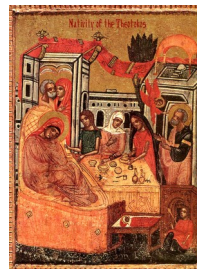
But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

The formal observance of the law (Ten Commandments) does not equal fulfillment of all the commandments of God. "Keeping the letter of the law" can create a false satisfaction about virtue. One's salvation does not depend upon external things, but on virtues of the soul, that is, faith, hope, and love. These result in salvation and many of us lack these virtues. Our Saviour calls us to voluntarily follow Him for the cause of the Kingdom. The image of the camel going through the eye of the needle, shows us the difficulty of salvation for those who are attached to riches.

Dates to Remember

September 8 Birth of the Theotokos (#1)

September 14 Elevation of the Holy Cross (#2)



Prayers For the Harvest



O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, accept our fervent prayer and bless the good intent and work of the harvest of Your servants, that they may begin favourably, and may complete it unto Your glory without any obstacle. Assist the workers and direct the work of their hands, and may this harvest be brought speedily to completion by the power of Your Most-holy Spirit, For Yours it is to be merciful and to save us, O our God, and unto You do we send up glory, together with Your Father Who is without beginning, and Your Most-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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.

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

September 4 Divine Liturgy-10:00 a.m.

September 18 Divine Liturgy-10:00 a.m.

Ordination

On Sunday August 7, 2022, we had the pleasure of hosting the newly ordained Rev. Fr. Deacon Gheorghe Petrovan for his first Divine Liturgy as Deacon at St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Boian.

Funerals

Internment service was held for Jean Violet Meir, mother of Patricia Toma, in Medicine Hat on August 5, 2022.

May the Lord Rest her soul and may He number her amongst the righteous !



Anniversary and Birthday Greetings

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

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

Beginning of the School Year Prayer

O Lord our God and Creator, Who has honoured mankind with Your own image; Who has taught Your elect, so that most wise are they who obey Your teaching; Who reveals wisdom to us; Who has imparted Your teaching unto Solomon and unto all who have sought Your wisdom: Open the hearts, the minds, and the lips of all of your servants so we may receive the power of Your law, and understand the knowledge which shall be taught to us, to the glory of Your all-holy Name, to the profit and building up of Your holy Church, and that we may comprehend Your good and perfect will. Deliver us from every hostile oppression; preserve us in the Orthodox faith, and in holiness all the days of our lives, that we may increase in wisdom and in the fulfilling of Your commandments, that being thus prepared we may glorify Your all-holy Name and become heirs of Your kingdom. For You are God, mighty in mercy, and gracious in strength, and unto You is due glory: To the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Church Cleaning

The second phase, that is the ceiling and the carpet have now been cleaned. We thank Cornelia Cybruch and her friends, Adrian Vicol and Catalin, Tatiana, and Daniel Mustea for volunteering to do the work and supplying the necessary materials. A good job, well done. Thank you.



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 :

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