



St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church

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The "Priest's Page"

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8th Sunday After Pascha Feast of the Pentecost

John 7: 37-53, 8,12

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believes in me, as the scripture hath said, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water. (But this He spoke of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.).

Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? So there was a division among the people because of him. And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him. Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him? The officers answered, Never man spake like this man. Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed on him? But this people who knows not the law are cursed. Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he does? They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee came no prophet. And every man went unto his own house. Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

The Epistle and the Gospel of the Feast shows us the work of the Holy Spirit in the world. The Epistle from the Acts of the Apostles presents the Holy Spirit as "tongues of flame", while the Gospel in the Words of our Saviour, presents the Holy Spirit as "rivers of living waters". The Epistle describes the event of the Descent of the Holy Spirit as "a rushing mighty wind and tongues of fire". Just as fire cleanses rust from steel, so does the Spiritual Fire of the Holy Spirit cleanses the uncleanness from our soul and body. The third person of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit, does not have a form and does not show Himself to man. He shows Himself as "fire" which, illuminates, warms, and cleanses or as "living water" which gives life. The Holy Spirit confirms and communicates to the world that the Son abides in us and comes into our lives, especially through the Holy Sacraments of the Church.

On the Feast of Pentecost, many churches have green boughs of trees brought to the church to be blessed as a symbolic remembrance of the tongues of fire and the command Jesus gave, to preach in all the languages of the world.

Dates To Remember

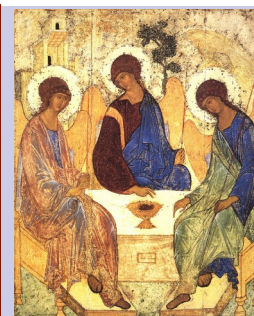
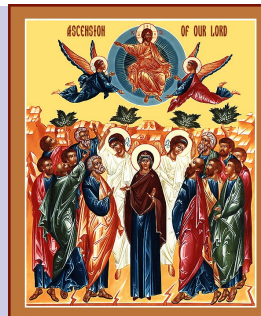
June 4 Descent of the Holy Spirit.

June 5 Holy Spirit Day.

June 12 Beginning of St. Peter and Paul Lent.

June 24 Birth of St. John the Baptist.

June 29 Feast Day of Sts. Peter and Paul.



Schedule of Services

June 4 10:00 a.m. Pentecost Sunday. Divine Liturgy celebrated by Fr. Gheorghe Petrovan.

June 11 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy celebrated by Fr. Mircea and Fr. Gheorghe.

Ordination

Deacon Cristian Ioan Bujor of Calgary was ordained Priest on Sunday May 28, 2023 in *St. Simion Mirotocivi Serbian Orthodox Church*, Calgary. Present at Fr. Cristian's ordination were his father and mother and many of the priest's of the Western Deanery of the Dioceses.

We congratulate Fr. Cristian Ioan Bujor on his ordination to the priesthood. Fr. Cristian will serve in the newly formed *Mission of The Nativity of the Most-Holy Theotokos* in Airdrie, Alberta.



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*

Anniversary & Birthday Greetings

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

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.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOIAN PIONEERS CELEBRATION AND BBQ-July 30, 2023

St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church of Boian will be celebrating the 125th year anniversary of the coming of the first Romanian pioneers to Alberta, where they settled and built the Church on the Hill. His Grace Bishop Ioan Casian and the clergy of the *Western Deanery of the Romanian Orthodox Dioceses of Canada* will be serving the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. followed by an Alberta style BBQ on the grounds of the Romanian Museum.

Tickets for the celebration are available from any Church Board member and/or Georgina Eccleston (780-457- 7837), Lil Bezovie (780-367-2236) and Darline Shelemey (780-973-6768). Come to this important celebration honouring those Romanian Pioneers who gave us their legacy.