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The "Priest's Page"

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13th Sunday After Pentecost Parable of the Tenants

Matthew 21:33-44

Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country.

Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes'?"

"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

The Parable in the Gospel for the 13th Sunday after Pentecost refers to the salvation of mankind and also to life within the Church. The gated vineyard with the press and tower represents God's work of salvation beginning in the Old Testament. The workers called are in essence the faith leaders, that is the kings, the bishops, the high priests and the many teachers and scribes of the Law. These were left to care for the salvation of the people. The leaving of the master represents the freedom of action God gives His people. God grants us this freedom so we may freely fulfill His Will. We may choose to be faithful or unfaithful to His Will.

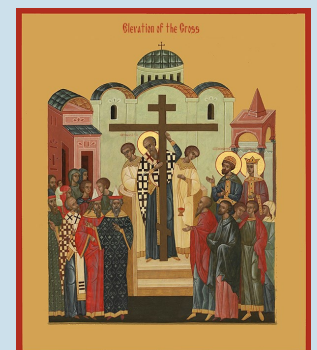
This Parable shows that all actions have their consequences, even with our faith.

Dates To Remember

September 1 The First day of the Liturgical Year

September 8 The Nativity of the Virgin Mary.

September 14 The Elevation of the Holy Cross.



Schedule of Services

September 2 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy celebrated by Fr. Gheorghe Petrovan.

September 17 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy celebrated by Fr. Gheorghe Petrovan.

The Last Issue of The Priest Page

After 5 years and approximately 60 issues of *The Priest Page*, it has come time to publish the last issue. It was very interesting communicating with you through this medium even though I have had many trying moments in getting to the dead line, that is the Saturday before the first Sunday of each month. This technology had the better of me on many occasions. Never the less, I feel this endeavour was a good thing. I have received so many positive comments about “*The Page*”. I hope these series of communications with you have been helpful in keeping your faith alive, in keeping abreast with what was happening at the Church on the Hill, and the Boian Community.

I would like to thank you all for allowing me to enter your homes through this publication. It truly helped me in keeping in contact with all of you. I would also like to thank two special people, who will remain nameless, and without whose help this Page could not have been published.

To The Boian Board and Boian Ladies Club, thank you for the dinner and send off given to Preoteasa Ileana and I on June 11th. Many thanks to all who came to the service and dinner that Sunday. You were so kind and generous with your comments and gifts. We have reread all the cards and comments many times.

I would like to give the distribution list that I have (the names and addresses of those who receive The Priest’s Page), to the Boian Church Board so they can contact you in the future, especially now that they have started the fundraising project in view of rebuilding St. Mary’s. I can not give it because it is private information and must receive permission from you, the receivers of The Priest’s Page. I would like to ask anyone of you who **DO NOT** wish their name and address to be given to the Boian Church Board to let me know via e-mail one week (7 days) following receipt of this Issue, and I will delete your information from the distribution list.

Those who do not send me an answer, I will assume you agree to allow your information to be sent to the Boian Church Board for their use.

Thank You !

The rebuilding of St. Mary’s Church on the Hill is something holy for all Romanians. We need your help more so now than ever before to keep alive the mission and legacy the pioneers who came before us left for us to carry.

All donors and sustainers will become pioneers in your own way and you will follow in the footsteps of those of our forefathers and mothers.

Fr. Mircea

Become founders, sustainers, and members of “St. Mary’s on the Hill”.
Deveniti ctitori, sustinatori și membri ai bisericii “Sf. Maria din Deal”.

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Help Rebuild Boian Church

1. Donations via GoFundMe: **[Help Rebuild Boian Church \(gofundme.com\)](https://www.gofundme.com/help-rebuild-boian-church)** (accessible world wide)
2. Etransfer- (for Canada ONLY) - Effective June 12, 2023: **boianchurchrebuildfund@gmail.com**
3. **Wire Transfer:**
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Bank Name: ATB Financial
SWIFT Code: ATBRCA6EXXX
Bank Code: 0219
Transit #: 07779

BENEFICIARY DETAILS:
Beneficiary Account Number: 00506657378
Beneficiary Name: St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Congregation of Boian
Beneficiary Physical Address: 561069 Range Road 143 (SW33-55-14-W4) Hairy Hill, Alberta Canada
4. Cheques may be sent to:
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The Church New YEAR. (Indiction)

The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, “to impose.” It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2, the Savior proclaimed, “The spirit of the Lord is upon Me; because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord...”

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