

A New Chapter for St. Mary's: Boian Church

Holds First Service Since 2023 Fire

The St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church of Boian reopened its doors on Sunday, August 17, 2025, marking a significant moment of renewal for the Romanian Orthodox community. The newly reconstructed church held its first service since being destroyed by fire in 2023.

The service was led jointly by the Very Reverend Father George Bazgan of Saints Constantine and Elena Romanian Orthodox Church in Edmonton, alongside parish priest Father Gheorghe Petrovan of St. Mary's in Boian. Approximately 120 attendees gathered for the occasion, which began with the blessing of the water and the church, followed by the celebration of the divine liturgy. The day concluded with a community potluck at Boian Hall.

The completion of the church stands as a testament to the tireless dedication of the building committee, the leadership of the board of directors, and the skilled craftsmanship of Vantage Builders Ltd. Equally vital was the unwavering support of Boian members and the surrounding community, whose involvement brought the project to life. The congregation looks forward to an official opening in 2026.

While the structure is now complete, restoration continues within, including the replacement of icons and sacred items lost in the fire. Donations remain welcome to support the completion of the church's interior and sacred elements. To make a donation, or learn more about service dates, photos, and project updates, please visit Boianchurch.ca.