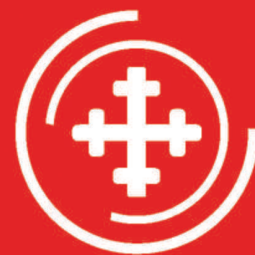




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Feast of St John Chrysostom: Bishop Timotei of Prahova celebrated Divine Liturgy at the National Cathedral Chapel



On the feast day of St John Chrysostom, November 13, His Grace Bishop Timotei of Prahova celebrated the Divine Liturgy at the outdoor altar of the National Cathedral Chapel.

Numerous believers attended the pastoral feast of the Chapel and venerated the holy relics of St John Chrysostom and St Andrew the First Called, whose relics were brought from the patriarchal residence.

Bp. Timotei delivered a homily referring to the gospel passage from St John (10:9-16) which is usually proclaimed on the feast day of holy hierarchs.

This gospel reading was ordained by the Holy Fathers on the commemoration of Great Hierarchs who tried to identify themselves with our Saviour, to become like Him, seeking for the lost sheep and bringing it to the sheep pen and rejoice in its coming back, Bp. Timotei noted.

Bishop Timotei pointed to the spiritual qualities and the holy life of St John, recalling the fact that he was born in Antioch, where the disciples were called Christians first (Acts 11:26).

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Patriarch Daniel: The Mother of God is the example of preparation for the reception of Christ in our souls

In his homily delivered on 21 November 2017, at the Divine Liturgy, His Beatitude Patriarch Daniel urged the faithful to follow the example offered by the Mother of God as for the preparation to receive Christ in their souls and homes.

On the Feast of the Entry into the Temple of the Most Holy Theotokos, His Beatitude Daniel, Patriarch of the Romanian Orthodox Church, attended the Divine Liturgy celebrated at St Gregory the Enlightener Chapel of his patriarchal residence.

The Patriarch opened his sermon by pointing out the connection between the Temple of Jerusalem, the Mother of God and the Church. [► Full story](#)



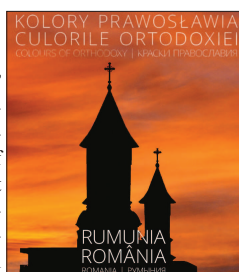
Hierarchs, faithful prayerfully celebrated St Gregory the Decapolite at Bistrița Monastery



On Monday, 21 November 2017, hundreds of believers from all across Romania attended the celebrations of Saint Gregory the Decapolite at Bistrița Monastery, where his holy relics are kept. [► Full story](#)

Colours of Orthodoxy | An album depicting churches in Romania claims first place in "Best Illustrated Book" Category at international contest in Moscow

The 'Colours of Orthodoxy. Romania' photo album published by the Orthodox Diocese of Warsaw won first place in "Best Illustrated Book" Category at the 12th edition of the Illumination through books contest held



in Moscow on Nov. 2. This year's contest took place at Sergievsky Hall, Christ the Saviour Cathedral in Moscow. This competition has been organized with the blessing of Russian

Patriarch Kirill since 2005,

Patriarch of Moscow and Archbishop of Canterbury issue joint statement on persecuted Christians

On Tuesday, 21 November 2017, Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia and Archbishop Justin of Canterbury issued a joint statement on persecuted Christians. The meeting between Patriarch Kirill and the Primate of the Anglican Community, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, took place at St Daniel Monastery in Moscow: *Joint Declaration by Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England and Metropolitan.* [► Full story](#)

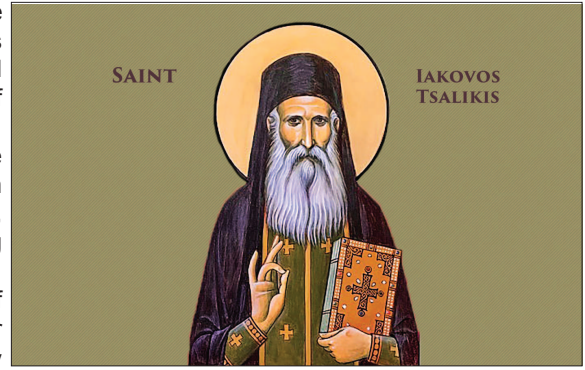
A new contemporary Saint: Ecumenical Patriarchate canonizes Elder Iakovos Tsalikis of Evia

During its working session on Monday, 21 November 2017, the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate approved the proposal of canonization of Elder Iakovos Tsalikis (1920-1991), a contemporary hieromonk endowed with many divine virtues and spiritual gifts, about whom St Paisios of Mt Athos said that he had the "charismata of Saint Nectarius".

According to a press release issued by the Ecumenical Patriarchate on Monday, the Holy Synod approved the report of the Canonical Committee regarding the inclusion into the calendar of the Orthodox Church of the Blessed Archimandrite Iakovos Tsalikis, originally from Asia Minor, the abbot of the Monastery of David the Elder, establishing as a commemoration date on November 22 of each year.

On 21 November 2017, exactly 26 years have passed since the blessed falling sleep of the Holy Elder Iakovos Tsalikis, who lived at the Holy Monastery of Saint David the Elder of Evia.

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Neamț priest builds house for 9-children family

A new home worth 70,000 lei (\$17,750) was built and donated to a family with nine children by the parish priest in Timișești, Neamț County, Romania. The home was recently blessed by Metropolitan Teofan of Moldavia and Bucovina.

Fr. Petru Gavrilăia managed, with the support of the local faithful and authorities, to build a new home for the Stanciu family, which lives in difficult conditions. The home is equipped with all utilities, including a bath and hot water. "Our mission was not to build, but to save souls," Fr. Petru stated at the blessing service. "We tried to show faith through deeds, to let the facts speak. We managed to hand the keys to these nine children within two months."

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Romanian Metropolitan Nicolae of the Americas offers prayers for New York, Texas victims



Following the attacks in New York and Texas, His Eminence Nicolae, Romanian Orthodox Metropolitan of the Americas, offered his condolences and prayers.

A statement posted on the diocesan website reads:

The priests and faithful of the Romanian Orthodox Metropolis of the Americas express their compassion for the victims of the attacks in New York and Sutherland Springs, Texas. We notice with concern the multiplication of these acts

of violence in which innocent people fall victims even in the house of the Lord, on Sunday.

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who passed away in this tragic way, for the comfort of their families and for the healing of those who were wounded. In these moments, it is appropriate to multiply our prayer for the cessation of violence by asking the Lord to send His peace and light to the souls of those estranged from Him.

We urge our priests and faithful to say in the following days special prayers for "multiplying love and uprooting hatred and all wickedness" and for the peace and blessing of this country and the world!

Patriarch Daniel opens exhibition dedicated to temples and synagogues in Romania at the Patriarchal Palace

On Thursday, 16 November 2017, His Beatitude Daniel, Patriarch of the Romanian Orthodox Church, opened the photography exhibition entitled Temples and Synagogues in Romania: Jewish, national and universal heritage, organized at the Europa Christiana Hall of the Palace of the Patriarchate. The exhibition includes twenty-five photography roll-up banners depicting temples and synagogues in Romania with additional data about their historical attestation and architecture. This project was organized by the Federation of Jewish Communities in Romania (FCER).

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Georgian Parliament Chairman visits St Anthimos Monastery in Bucharest

On Wednesday, 15 November 2017, the Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia, Irakli Kobakhidze, visited Saint Anthimos Monastery in Bucharest. His Grace Varlaam of Ploiesti, Assistant Bishop to the Patriarch, welcomed the Georgian delegation at the monastery.

The Georgian official laid a Georgian flag floral wreath at the statue of Saint Anthimos the Iberian (or Georgian) built in front of the gates of the monastery.

The monastic settlement founded by St Anthimos was built on the site of a wooden church and was consecrated in 1715. Saint Anthimos himself designed the stone iconostasis, the icon of Saints Alexius, Nicholas, Anthimos and Agatha, as well as the massive oak door at the entrance of the church. The Chairman of the Georgian Parliament visited the church of the monastery and venerated the holy relics sheltered in the church. The Georgian delegation also visited the monastery's museum and the Library of the Holy Synod of the Romanian Orthodox Church. The Library Director, Archimandrite Policarp Chițulescu, made a brief presentation of the most important manuscripts, books and items that are kept in the Holy Synod Library collections.

In his speech, Irakli Kobakhidze stressed the outstanding personality of Saint Anthimos the Iberian



noting that he played an important role in strengthening the ties between Georgians and Romanians 300 years ago.

Kobakhidze said that Saint Anthimos is very well known and valued in Georgia, adding that his efforts to strengthen the ties between the two nations force us to expand these relations today. The Georgian Parliament Speaker offered thanks to the Romanian Orthodox Church, His Beatitude Patriarch Daniel and His Grace Bishop Varlaam. At the end of the visit, Bp. Varlaam presented Speaker Kobakhidze with an icon of Saint Anthimos the Iberian and other gifts on behalf of Patriarch Daniel.

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