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Patriarch of Moscow met with Ecumenical Patriarch

His Beatitude Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and all Russia has arrived Friday, August 31, 2018, at the Phanar district of Constantinople where the Ecumenical Patriarchate is headquartered. The Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church met with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople to discuss themes of common interest, while the dominant topic of the discussions will be the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

The Patriarch of Moscow is accompanied by the Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk. In his welcome address, the Ecumenical Patriarch expressed his joy for Patriarch Kirill's visit to Constantinople.

'We are happy to welcome here at the Ecumenical Patriarchate, His Beatitude and Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, together with his delegation.'



'We believe in dialogue, because political leaders try to solve their countries' problems through dialogue. All the more we, the religious leaders, must use this providential instrument of dialogue to solve the existing issues,' Patriarch Bartholomew said according to Romfea.

In turn, the Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church thanked 'for the occasion to meet Your Holiness and the members of the Holy Synod.' 'In every age, our churches have encountered problems arising from the outside world, but we always found answers with the help of God, and we knew how to solve these problems,' Patriarch Kirill said.

'You have rightly referred to dialogue and described it in very beautiful words, but I think there is a great difference between the dialogue the politicians carry out and the dialogue we are conduct.'

'In the dialogue of politicians, each defends his or her country's interests, but the dialogue within the Church is different, it is spiritual. Although we represent our Churches, we have a mission from God to preserve the unity of the Church' - Patriarch Kirill

Patriarch of Romania blesses St Stephen the Great's crown replica



His Beatitude Patriarch Daniel of Romania blessed Monday, August 13, a replica of the crown of Ruler Prince Saint Stephen the Great, whom His Beatitude called 'a symbol of the faith, unity, and dignity of the Romanian people'.

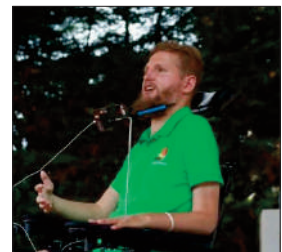
In his speech, the Patriarch of the Romanian Orthodox Church pointed to the extraordinary contribution Saint Stephen the Great had in defending Christendom.

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Elder Amphilochios Makris canonized by Ecumenical Patriarchate



The Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate resolved to canonize Elder Amphilochios (Makris) of Patmos (1889-1970) at its working session Wednesday, August 29, 2018.

Elder Amphilochios was a monk of the St. John the Theologian Monastery on the island of Patmos, where St. John the Evangelist received the Divine revelation that became the book of Revelation. The elder also served as the abbot of the monastery. He also established women's monasteries and an orphanage. ►

'Unity of faith and national unity on the Centennial'

On the occasion of the Sunday of the Romanian migrants, August 19, 2018, His Beatitude Patriarch Daniel has sent a message to all Romanians living abroad urging them to keep their Orthodox faith, the national unity and the Romanian spirituality.

This Sunday is a good occasion to address a word of blessing and spiritual strengthening to all Romanian Orthodox believers who settled or are temporarily working abroad.

By fostering the conscience of the unity of faith and nation, the Romanian Orthodox Church has contributed to the preparation of the great historical events, aiming for national unity of Romanians, namely, the 1859 Union of the Romanian Principalities, Romania's independence (1877-1878), and the 1918 Great Union, which was decisive for the establishment of the unitary national state of Romania.

The Great Union of December 1, 2018, had positive consequences for the new, unified Romanian state, and for the Romanian Orthodox Church. On December 18/31, 1919, Bishop Miron Cristea of Caransebes was elected Primate Metropolitan of Romania, and in 1925 he became the first Patriarch of the Romanian Orthodox Church, followed by the process of the unitary organization of the Church throughout Romania.



On October 15, 1922, during a ceremony held at the Cathedral of the Romanian nation's reunification in Alba Iulia, King Ferdinand I and Queen Marie were crowned as sovereigns of the Greater Romania, an act symbolizing the union of all Romanians 'from Nistru to Tisa Rivers,' under the same scepter.

The Romanian Orthodox Church strives to edify churches in the souls of the faithful, but also places of worship where Romanian communities are located


In the last decade, the spiritual needs of the Romanians living far from their Homeland have determined the Romanian Orthodox Church to have as a pastoral priority the spiritual strengthening of the Romanian communities around the borders of Romania and in the Romanian Diaspora, a new reality that has gained an unprecedented momentum in the history of the Romanian people.

In this regard, the Romanian Patriarchate has cultivated the unity and identity of Romanians by establishing dioceses, deaneries, and parishes, as well as social, educational, and cultural programs meant to respond specifically to the demands of the faithful.

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The line separating the good from evil does not go through states, either through social classes or political parties, but directly through the heart of every human being.



- Alexander Solzhenitsyn, The Gulag Archipelago

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Ecumenical Patriarch's Message for Environment Protection Day: The life of the Orthodox Church is applied ecology

In this year's patriarchal message for the Day of Protection for the Environment, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew noted that 'the life of the Orthodox Church is applied ecology, a tangible and inviolable respect for the natural environment'.

Patriarch Bartholomew cautions that people must understand the world as their home (oikos). 'The future belongs to righteous justice and compassionate love, to a culture of solidarity and respect for the integrity of creation.' He also stressed the need for an Eucharistic vision, approach, and use of the creation. **Full text** ►

'Every form of abuse and destruction of creation, along with its transformation into an object of exploitation, constitutes a distortion of the spirit of the Christian gospel. It is hardly coincidental that the Orthodox Church has been characterized as the ecological expression of Christianity in as much as it is the Church that has preserved the Holy Eucharist at the core of its being.'



Russian priest creates bus-church

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Jonathan Jackson offers his Emmy Award to Monastery of Vatopedi

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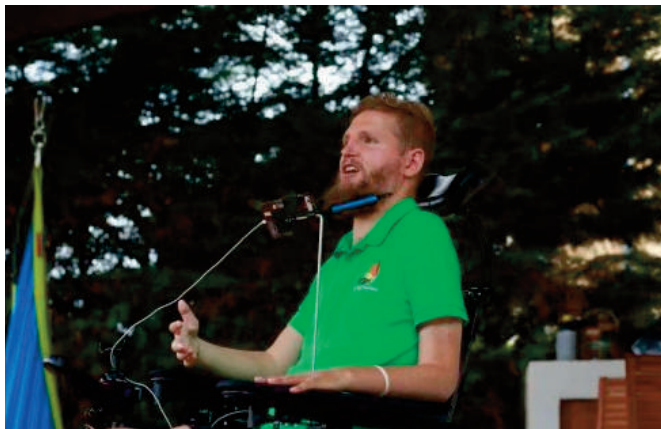
Former FC Utrecht defender Mihai Nesu: 'I want to belong to Christ's team. Without God, you have nothing'

The former FC Utrecht football player Mihai Nesu, who suffered a neck injury in training which left him paralyzed, spoke about his life in an interview with *The Sports Gazette* saying, 'I want to belong to Christ's team. Without God, you have nothing in life.'

Asked how he can be so serene and smiling, Mihai Nesu said that 'everything comes from man's inner self, from his relationship with God.'

'If man fails to return to God, it will be difficult for him in this troubled world. One can observe that I am paralyzed, but others have bigger problems that are invisible.'

The former FC Utrecht defender expressed his regret that until the age of 30 he did not approach God enough. 'What are we doing with our life?' Nesu asked rhetorically.



'It is like having a group of friends. If your friends are mean, they will lead you to evil. If they are good, you will end up doing good things. I want to be part of Christ's team, to do good things, to bring good things to my life and to others.'

Prince Charles supports Strei medieval church rehabilitation



Prince Charles of Wales supports the rehabilitation of the Dormition of the Theotokos Medieval Church in Strei, built in the 14th century.

The Prince of Wales is a permanent supporter of the 'Ambulance for monuments' project, by the help of which all necessary materials for the restoration of the Strei church will be provided. The Church's rehabilitation was initiated in 2017.

The project is supported by the City Hall of Calan, the Diocese of Deva and Hunedoara, Rusi Parish, and a large number of private donors.

Abbot Ephraim of Vatopedi brings Panagia Vimatarissa Icon replica to Diaconesti Monastery



'The Icon came to this place which is a female pantheon so that the Chief Virgin may be a pillar of the virgins, and because she pleases to remain in such spiritual centres.'

► Abbot Ephraim of Vatopedi at Diaconesti ►

Saint George the Pilgrim's Sainthood locally proclaimed at Varatec Monastery

Saint George the Pilgrim's sainthood was locally proclaimed Friday, August 17, during a ceremony held at Văratec Monastery, where the Saint's holy relics are enshrined.

The Lay-ascetic George Lazar 'the Pilgrim' (†1916) was glorified by the Holy Synod of the Romanian Orthodox Church during its working session on October 5, 2017.

An additional local proclamation of canonization took place Saturday, June 23, at Piatra Neamt, the city where the saint spent over 20 years.

