

The Priests of Craiova Constantin N. Pârăianu, Gheorghe Pârșcoveanu, Iordache Pleșoianu and the Cantor of Craiova Traian Ionescu, Witnesses of Christ within the Communist Prisons

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Abstract

For the present year 2017, the Holy Synod of the Romanian Patriarchate decided to commemorate the defenders of the Orthodox faith during the communist regime. In line with this project, our article presents four important personalities of the clergy from Oltenia, namely the priests Constantin Pârăianu, Gheorghe Pârșcoveanu and Iordache Pleșoianu and also a Church singer, respectively Traian Ionescu. Our presentation contains many historical data, useful to understand how they suffered during the communist period. At the end, we present an official report about how the Holy Easter was celebrated during the year 1981, in St. Demetrius Cathedral from Craiova by Metropolitan Nestor.