

## **Parenetic Principles in the Homiletic Work of the Metropolitan Firmilian Marin**

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### **Abstract**

The history of Romanian homiletics knows figures of enlightened hierarchs and scholars, fully aware of the importance of preaching and educating the faithful, homilists who contributed through their sermons to the perpetuation and preservation of the Orthodox faith. A figure of diligent hierarch and zealous preacher, with a significant contribution to the development of Romanian homiletic literature in the second half of the 20th century, was Metropolitan Firmilian Marin of Oltenia, whose life and works provide an exemplary pastoral paradigm, worthy of our attention and deep gratitude.

This paper aims to present and investigate the homiletic activity conducted by Metropolitan Firmilian, who holds a prominent place among the great hierarchs of the Romanian Orthodox Church and the Romanian nation: a worthy servant of Christ, a founder of holy churches and places of worship, a great scholar, a supporter of culture and arts and a father of the suffering and needy people. We also aim to provide a model to contemporary preachers, animated by missionary zeal, according to the example set by the diligent hierarch of Oltenia in his times and historical, social, economic and political circumstances.

To make his homiletic creation more accessible, we do not merely provide a bio-bibliography and an overview of his sermons, but we also undertake a critical examination of his speeches, in order to present the genres employed, the homiletic technique, the style, originality and coherence of language, with examples that are highly useful to today's preachers.