

# **The Mention of Veneration as A Saint of the Pious Nicodemus from Tismana in Historical Sources Before His Official Canonization by the Romanian Orthodox Church**

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## **Abstract**

In the present study we present some types of historical sources from the 16th-19th centuries, written and iconographic, edited and unique, in which the pious Nicodemus from Tismana is described as a saint, a miracle worker, having holy relics, being rendered in the iconography with aureole, included in Sinaxar and honest as the second guardian of his foundation, through church services, printed with the blessing of the bishop of Râmnic at that time. All these details show us that Father Nicodemus, the reorganizer of the Romanian monasticism, the living and supporter of the hesychasm current, was honored by the people, by the secular and church authorities, before his official canonization by the Romanian Orthodox Church, in 1955. I approached this subject - of the group of sources that speak about the holiness of Father Nicodemus of Tismana before the official canonization - on the one hand because researching the chancellery decorated with icons, I also identified two documents from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, very beautiful and interesting, adorned with the icon of the saint.