ROMANIA Pilgrimage
May 2018
“Spiritual Treasures —of— Orthodox Romania”

When: 
Mai 2018 (15 May-1 June).

What: 
A pilgrimage to Romania hosted by Holy Archangels Orthodox Church and led by Fr. Robert Miclean for Orthodox Christians and others interested in Orthodox Christianity in Romania, visiting many of the holy sites, venerating the relics of the Saints, and being inspired by many of the important ministries, churches, and monasteries of Romania. Fr. Robert has seven years of experience leading pilgrimages and mission trips to Romania.

Where: 
We arrive in Bucharest, travel to the ProVita orphanage and ministry in Valea Plopului for Holy Ascension, visit the holy monastery of Crasna, nestled in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, visit the beautiful town of Sinaia and Peleș Castle, home to the Kings of Romania. From there we head to Moldova and Bucovina, where we visit the holy monasteries of Petru Voda, resting place of Fr. George Calciu, the Confessor, Sihastru, Piatra Neamț, Agapia, followed by the holy painted monasteries and the world-renowned painted monasteries of Bucovina: Putna, Voroneț, Moldovița, Sucevița. We return to Bucharest for our final days, visit St. Nicholas (the ‘Russian’ church of the University, built by Czar Nicholas II, visit many important sites in the capital, including the Patriarchal Cathedral, the new Patriarchal Cathedral (under construction), St. George the New, St. Spiridon, Stavropoleos, and St. Antim Monastery. Pilgrims will also have the opportunity to shop at many of the Patriarchal stores and gift shops of Bucharest and the holy monasteries throughout the trip.

Why: 
To grow in our appreciation of the rich heritage and beauty of Orthodox Christianity in Romania, to visit the children of the ProVita orphanage and ministry in Valea Plopului, to
venerate the holy relics and holy sites in Bucharest, Moldova, Bucovina, to pray, worship, and grow in our knowledge and love of God, and return strengthened in our Orthodox Faith in Christ.

Program

- Tues. evening, May 15, Depart Dulles
- Thurs., May 17, ASCENSION, Divine Liturgy, Valea Plopului
- Sat., May 19—Depart for the Holy Monastery Crasna
- Sun., May 20—Divine Liturgy at Crasna
- Mon., May 21—Depart for Sinaia and Peleș Castle
- Tues., May 22—Visit Peleș Castle, depart for Piatra Neamț, stay at Presentation of Christ in the Temple Monastery
- Wed., May 23—Visit monasteries in the area: Bistrița, Agapia, Varatec
- Thurs., May 24, depart for Petru Voda monastery (Fr. George Calciu, the Confessor, Archmandrite Iustin Parvu of blessed memory).
- Fri., May 25, stay at Petru Voda and visit Sihăstrău Monastery (Elder Cleopa),
- Sat., May 26, morning departure for Putna Monastery and the painted monasteries of Bucovina (Putna, Voroneț, Sucevita, Moldovița)
- Sun., May 27, PENTECOST Divine Liturgy at Putna Monastery
- Mon., May 28, morning departure for Bucharest. 5 Hours + 2 stops; visit NEW Patriarchal Cathedral, “Salvation of the Nation.”
- Stay in Bucharest May 29-31. While in Bucharest, among other sites, we will visit: Biserica Rusă (St. Nicholas, ‘the Russian Church’, built by Czar Nicholas II), St. George the New, Radu Voda (Radu Voda Monastery, where Fr. George Calciu of blessed memory preached his seven homilies to the youth), Monastierea Stavropoleos, St. Spiridon, Historic Monastery Antim (built by St. Antim, home of the “Burning Bush” movement) and visit with His Grace, Bishop Varlaam
- Patriarchal Cathedral of St. Demetrie the New, Librării Sophia, Bizantina (an Orthodox Christian bookstore, icon shop, respectively)
- Thursday, May 31, depart for Otopeni international airport and return flight to the USA.