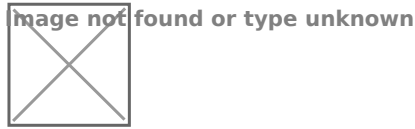


The world is deceived, leading to increasing disasters and evils, Archbishop Irineu says



Metropolitan Andrei of Cluj and Archbishop Irineu of Alba Iulia consecrated the “Saint Michael the Archangel” Church in the Mărăști neighbourhood of Cluj-Napoca on Sunday.

In his sermon to the hundreds present at the event, Archbishop Irineu warned that the world is moving at a dizzying pace today and that “without the fear of God, the spiritual brake, it will end in the abyss.”

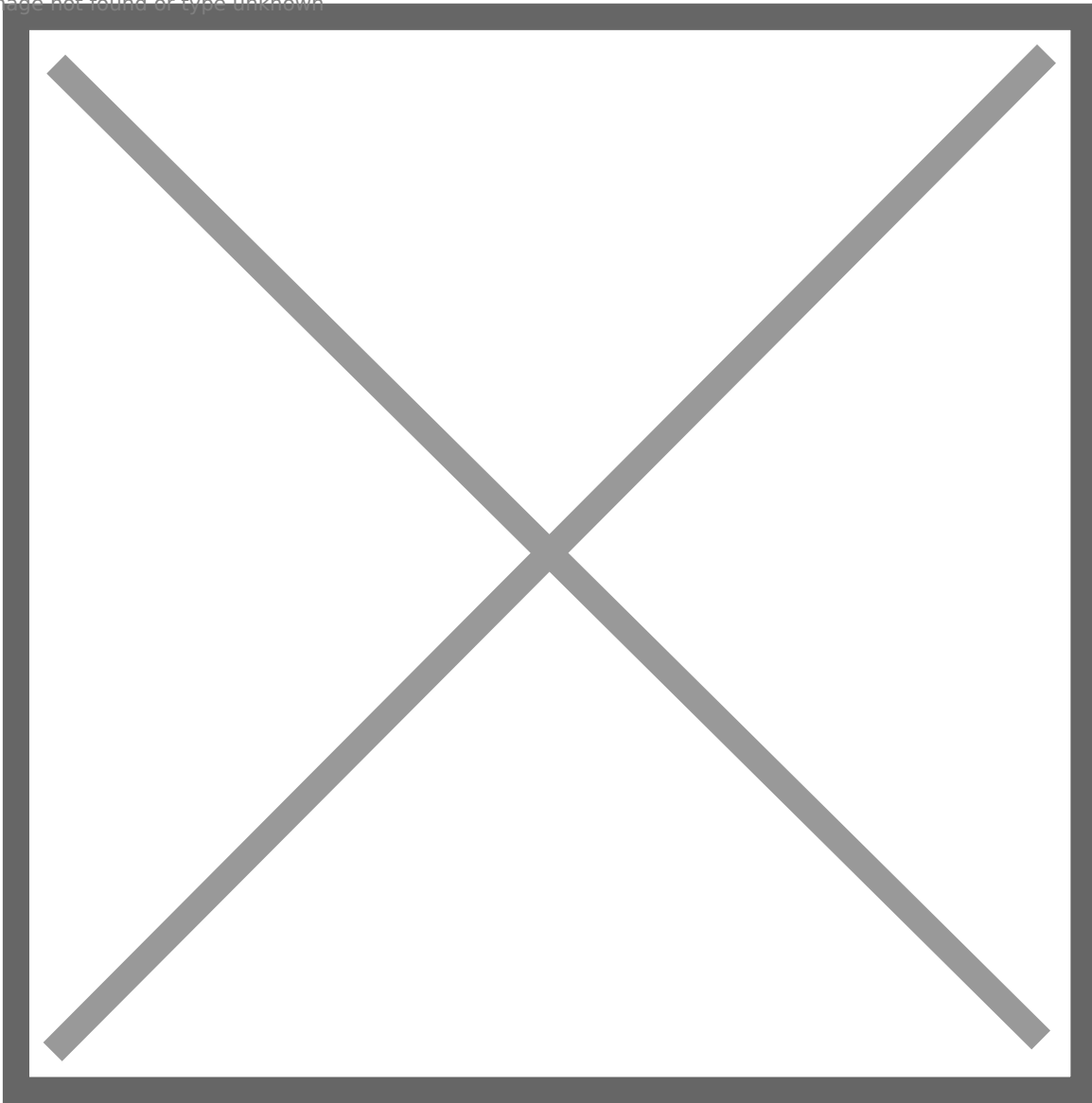
“The world, deceived by Satan, is heading towards general corruption, which is why suffering in the world is increasing, and disasters and evils are spreading like a terrifying cancer. Contemporary people stubbornly reject the Kingdom of God, worship false idols or deceptive deities, and place their trust in the so-called saving achievements of science and technology.”

Archbishop Irineu emphasized that “the wisdom of the unbelieving world is madness and cannot save humanity, which stands on the edge of the abyss.”

“Governments and parliaments across the globe, the complex organizations of the most advanced contemporary states, are powerless. Why? Because they do not place Jesus Christ at the forefront of their activities, actions, and efforts—Christ, who holds the reins of history, who said, ‘I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life’; ‘I am the Light of the World’; ‘I am the Good Shepherd’; ‘I am the First and the Last’; ‘Without Me, you can do nothing.’”

“Only living by the Gospel’s law and the principles of the Kingdom can offer our world salvation, balance, true civilization, and progress. Only an intimate, loving relationship with the crucified and risen Christ can make a person capable of fulfilling meaningful and beautiful accomplishments and, ultimately, ensure their triumphant entry through the gates of heavenly paradise,” concluded the Archbishop of Alba Iulia.

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The “Saint Michael the Archangel” Parish in Cluj-Napoca was established in 2000. The foundation stone of the new church was laid in 2004 in the presence of Archbishop Irineu, who was then the Vicar Bishop of the Archdiocese of Vad, Feleac, and Cluj.

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