## Romanian Patriarchate condemns domestic violence, calls for prayer and support for victims

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In response to the recent escalation of domestic violence in Romanian society and the shocking crimes committed in Cosmopolis (Ilfov County) and Lipănești (Prahova County), the Romanian Patriarchate expresses deep concern regarding these phenomena, which gravely affect human dignity and the unity of families.

Any manifestation of violence is incompatible with Christian teaching, and all forms of abuse wound not only the body but also the soul of the victim, causing long-term trauma that is difficult to heal.

For this reason, the Romanian Orthodox Church does not remain indifferent to such expressions of hatred and violence.

The Patriarchate regularly organises domestic violence prevention courses at the level of diocesan centres in both Romania and the Republic of Moldova.

In addition, priests have the pastoral duty to provide moral and material support, to listen to and encourage victims of domestic violence to seek help, and to facilitate effective collaboration with the appropriate institutions for the protection of abused individuals.

Let us pray for peace within families and offer victims of domestic violence concrete support, comfort, and hope.

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