

## **Romanian Orthodox Synod approves new Saints' feasts, liturgical texts and academic programmes**



On Wednesday, 3 June 2026, the Holy Synod of the Romanian Orthodox Church held a working session in the “Patriarch Teoctist” Aula Magna of the Patriarchal Palace under the chairmanship of His Beatitude Patriarch Daniel.

The Holy Synod adopted a series of decisions concerning the Church’s pastoral and missionary activity, including the following:

- The draft text of the Church Calendar and Liturgical Ordinances for 2027 was approved.
- The Synaxis of the Holy Military Martyrs was included in the calendar of the Romanian Orthodox Church, to be commemorated on 26 October; the Synod approved liturgical texts for the feast (Synaxarion, Troparion and Kontakion).
- St Gabriel the Confessor of Georgia was included in the calendar of the Romanian Orthodox Church, to be commemorated on 2 November; the liturgical texts of the Saint’s feast day, including Synaxarion, Troparion, Kontakion and Service, were approved.
- The Synod approved draft liturgical texts for the Service, Akathist and Paraklesis of the Synaxis of the Athonite Saints (Third Sunday after Pentecost); the Service and Akathist in honour of the Craiova Icon of the Mother of God (30 August); the Service of the Family of St Basil the Great (19 July).
- The Synod approved draft Akathists dedicated to the newly canonised Romanian holy women: St Maria Brâncoveanu (16 August); St Philothea of Pasărea (12 April); St Elizabeth of Pasărea (5 June); St Mavra of Ceahlău (4 May); Saints Nazaria, Olympias and Elizabeth (Safta) Brâncoveanu of Văratec (17 August); St Olympias of Fărcaşa (4 July); St Blandina of Iași (24 May); St Anastasia Şaguna (1 December); St Philotimia of Râmeţ (6 July); the Synaxis of Romanian Holy Women (Third Sunday after Pascha).
- The updated text of the Regulation on Canonical Disciplinary Authorities and Ecclesiastical Courts of the Romanian Orthodox Church was approved.
- The updated text of the Regulation governing the Organisation and Functioning of the Church Painting Commission of the Romanian Patriarchate

was approved.

- Established a new undergraduate programme with a double specialisation in Orthodox Didactic Theology and Romanian Language, beginning with the 2027-2028 academic year at the “Patriarch Justinian” Faculty of Orthodox Theology of the University of Bucharest.
- Established a new master’s programme entitled “Methods and Techniques for the Interdisciplinary Approach to Addictions” in the field of Social Work, beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year at the “St Dumitru Stăniloae” Faculty of Orthodox Theology of Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași.
- The Synod approved the methodology for implementing, within the Romanian Orthodox Church, the provisions of Law No. 54/2026, amending and supplementing Law No. 489/2006 on Religious Freedom and the General Status of Religious Denominations.
- The Synod approved the Romanian Patriarchate’s participation in a public information campaign on expanded access to free medical services for uninsured persons through family doctors’ practices.

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