

## St John the New's relics tour Suceava County to ward off coronavirus



The holy relics of Saint John the New of Suceava toured the Archdiocese of Suceava and Rădăuți at the beginning of this week ‘to bring again the belief that we are not alone and that the saints protect us and intercede with God on our behalf,’ assistant bishop Damaschin of Dorna noted in a message posted on the Archdiocese’s website.

‘We who believe in God set our hope in Him. We ask Him to forgive us, to protect us and to stop this plague. We know that He will do this after we will have learned the lesson it brings about,’ noted the assistant bishop who led the tour around Suceava County.

‘This was a difficult year and it is still not over. The pandemic ended the lives of our dear ones. It changed the way of relating to one another. It made us sadder, lonelier, more worried.’

Stops during the first day of pilgrimage, Nov. 23, included Dragomirna Monastery,

Siret, Radauti Hospital, Bogdana Monastery, Putna Monastery, Sihastria Putnei Monastery, Marginea Monastery, Sucevita Monastery, Moldovita Monastery, Sadova, Vatra Dornei Hospital, Gheorghiteni Monastery, Campulung Moldovenesc Hospital, Gura Humorului and Suceava Hospital.

Tuesday, Nov. 24, St John's relics toured Probota Monastery, Dolhasca, Camarzani Monastery, Rasca Monastery, Sihastria Rasca Monastery, Falticeni Hospital, Slatina Monastery, Voronet Monastery, Humor Monastery and Suceava County Hospital.

This is the second time this year when the relics of Saint John the New were carried in pilgrimage to help fight the coronavirus outbreak.

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