

‘We suffer together with the entire Romanian people’, Ecumenical Patriarch says after Bucharest hospital fire



His Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew sent on Monday a letter to His Beatitude Patriarch Daniel in which he expressed the “deep compassion” of the Ecumenical Patriarchate following a fire that broke out at the Matei Balș National Institute for Infectious Diseases in Bucharest.

“We pray for the rest of the souls of the innocent victims and for the comfort from God of their relatives, as well as for the speedy recovery of the wounded,” the Patriarch of Constantinople wrote in his letter.

“We suffer together with the sister Church of Romania and with the entire pious Romanian people,” noted the Ecumenical Patriarch who offered prayers for the

Romanian people “that the God of love and mercy may protect them from all danger and give them all the perfect gift and all the blessing from above.”

In conclusion, the Ecumenical Patriarch wished the Patriarch of Romania “health for many years” and “strengthening from above” for the continuation of his “fruit-bearing patriarchal ministry.”

Eleven people died after a fire that broke out at the Matei Balș Institute in Bucharest on January 29, 2021.

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