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PILGRIMAGE TAKES ROMANIAN SAINT'S RELICS TO SICK AND SUFFERING



Responding to the request of the faithful, the Romanian Archdiocese of Suceava is holding a three-day pilgrimage throughout the diocese with the relics of the diocesan patron St. John the New.

The procession, which began on Sunday and wraps up today, has already been a blessing to the faithful at a number of churches, monasteries, and medical centers.

The procession was organized "to bring peace and comfort during this difficult period," the Archdiocese announced.



The event began with a prayer service at the Church of St. George, where the relics of St. John are kept. Special petitions were read for the sick and medical workers, and for the end of the pandemic. The procession with the relics and icon of St. John then made its way to several churches in Suceava, accompanied by His Grace Bishop Damaschin, Vicar of the Archdiocese of Suceava, and a number of priests and deacons.

The relics were then taken to the St. John the New County Emergency Hospital, a palliative care hospital, and an old folks' home, where prayers were again offered for the sick and all medical workers.



To end the day, the relics were placed in the Archbishop’s cathedral, where Bp. Damaschin expressed gratitude to St. John for his continued protection of the city.

The procession continued yesterday in several localities throughout Suceava County, targeting monasteries and medical centers. The monastics and faithful at the various hospitals came out to greet the holy relics with icons, lit candles, and flowers in their hands to honor the patron saint of their county.



Prayers for an end to the pandemic were again offered at each medical center visited.

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