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## **MOLDOVAN COMMUNITY BUILDS ITS FIRST CHURCH IN JUST 40 DAYS**



One Orthodox community in Moldova is experiencing the joy of finally having their own church. And the Church of Sts. Seraphim of Sarov, Catherine, and John (Maximovitch) in the Chişinău suburb of Floreni was built in just 40 days.

His Eminence Metropolitan Petru of Chişinău and Bessarabia of the Romanian Church in Moldova blessed the church with holy water on Saturday, reports the Basilica News Agency.



Emphasizing rector Fr. Gabriel Andrei Gherasa's wise and able use of the money raised over the years for the building of the new church, Met. Petru called on the faithful to continue to support him and work together with him in every good deed.

In turn, Fr. Gabriel thanked His Eminence and all those who labored in love to realize the community's aspirations to have its own church.

Following the service, a kiosk for a copy of the Assuage Our Sorrows Icon of the Mother of God and a reliquary with fragments of the relics of Sts. Seraph, Catherine, and John were blessed.