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## **Lower Land travels to Upper Land' on the feast of St Jacob of Putna**



Over 1,000 pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Roman and Bacau travelled to Putna Monastery together with their Archbishop Ioachim to celebrate the feast day of Saint Jacob of Putna on Wednesday, May 15, 2019.



‘On the 300th birthday anniversary of Saint Jacob of Putna, the Lower Land travelled to the Upper Land,’ the abbot of Putna Monastery, Archimandrite Melchisedec Velnic, said while he presented the Archbishop of Roman with an icon of Ruler Prince Saint Stephan the Great.



The festal Divine Liturgy was presided over by Metropolitan Teofan of Moldavia and Bukovina. Concelebrants included the local Archbishop Pimen of Suceava and Radauti, Archbishop Ioachim of Roman and Bacau, and the assistant bishop to the Iasi Archdiocese, His Grace Bp Calinic of Botosani.



Reflecting on the life of St Jacob, Metropolitan Teofan gave a definition to what a true hierarch means today.

‘The Christian follows the priest, who follows the hierarch, who walks on the footsteps of the Saints of the Church, who walked on the path indicated to them by the Lord God.’

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, there was the launch of a DVD dedicated to the Fântâna Albă massacre in 1941.

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