

## **Patriarch Daniel presented with icon of five Holy Hierarchs who contributed to Romania's national unity**



On Tuesday, November 13, His Beatitude Patriarch Daniel was presented with an icon depicting five Holy Hierarchs who contributed to the cultivation of the consciousness of Romanian national unity prior to the 1918 Great Union.

The icon was offered by writer Lidia Popita-Stoicescu, Prof. Mona Serbanescu, director of Anastasia Popescu Highschool in Bucharest, and iconographer Elena Murariu.

The five hierarchs depicted in the icon include St Joseph the New of Partos, Metropolitan of Banat, Saint Andrew Saguna, Metropolitan of Transylvania, Saint Anthimos the Iberian, Metropolitan of Wallachia, Saints Varlaam and Joseph the Merciful, Metropolitans of Moldavia.

The Patriarch appreciated this initiative to pay homage to 'those who prepared this

consciousness of national unity prior to the 1918 Great Union.'

These hierarchs enhanced the national unity consciousness 'through faith and culture, by printing church books,' and by urging the clergy and believers 'to keep the true faith and unity in thought and feeling.'

Finally, His Beatitude honoured the three guests with the 2018 Solemn Year diploma and medal.







