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The Romanian “village” or “community” of Central and Western New York celebrated the Sunday of Pentecost



The Romanian community of Central and Western New York was dressed in holiday clothes on June 15 and 16, 2019 when the Romanian church in Rochester / Victor NY, dedicated to the Holy Trinity, celebrated its feast day. The Joy began on the eve of Pentecost, Saturday, June 15, when the young lady Larisa was baptized into the Orthodox Church with the name Theodora, after a few months of catechumenate.

The Sunday of Pentecost began with the Akathist to the Holy Trinity, followed by the Divine Liturgy served by Father Daniel Adrian Ene, the parish priest of the church, along with Father Ioan Ardelean. The memorial service for the founders passed to the Lord was an important moment of prayer, followed by the Kneeling

Vespers. In the sermon, Father Dean showed what the feast of the Pentecost means for the Romanian community of Rochester. He also spoke of the solemn proclamation of the year 2019 as the Year dedicated to the Romanian village (of the priests, teachers and mayors) urging the faithful not to forget that the Village really represents an organic and social Romanian unit and that “Village” is synonymous with “community”.

With the encouragement of Father Daniel Ene, the whole feast was dedicated to the Romanian village. The fraternal agape was organized in the courtyard of the church in the form of an authentic field feast, thus giving the opportunity to the church’s social hall to have the Romanian museum collection of the church. The Parish Museum “Prof. Charles Carlton” was exposed in all its richness, bringing visitors over 300 exhibits of wood, ceramics, metal and also albums with traditional Romanian fabrics or notches. The collection of popular costumes was also the focus of those present. Most of the museum’s collection was given to the Rochester Church by Rochester’s University highly respected romance languages professor, Charles Carlton. A lover of Romanian culture and art, Professor Carlton has gathered in frequent visits to Romania many rare and extremely precious objects, which he then left in the will to our church in 2008, a church he attended every Sunday for the Divine Liturgy. On this occasion, an open interactive lesson was held by Miss Maria Dascălu, who shared with the young Romanians the particularities of the Romanian village in miniature prepared in the social hall and some details about the museum exhibits.

At his feast was also his Excellency, Mr. Cătălin Radu Dancu, the Consul General of Romania in New York, with Mr. Calin Radu Ancuța, Counselor Minister and Deputy General Consul. He gave the parish school a set of manuals of Romanian language and more. The constant concern of the new consular team from New York towards the Romanian community, from south or from the northern part of the state, sees and fulfills the Romanian word “the right man in the right place”.

In spite of the rain that did not stop until nightfall, all those present felt the blessings and joy of the Pentecost Sunday spent in the Romanian village or community on the banks of the Erie Channel, one of the most important civil engineering and construction works in North America.

Father Daniel Adrian Ene





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