

Scrisorile arhimandritului Gurie Grosu către mitropolitul Pimen Georgescu al Moldovei*

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The letters of Archimandrite Gurie Grosu to Bishop Pimen Georgescu of Moldova

Abstract: During the year 1918, between February 10 and July 13 (in the Julian calendar), the Bessarabian Archimandrite Gurie Grosu (who would become Archbishop and Metropolitan of his home region during the interwar period), sent at least seven letters and a telegram to Pimen Georgescu, who was at that time the Metropolitan of Moldavia and the Primate of the Romanian Orthodox Church. During our doctoral research we discovered these eight documents placed in three files from The Archives of the Metropolis of Moldavia and Bukovina in Iași and editing them in their entirety in the second part of the text.

In the first part, we outlined the context of the re-establishing of the contacts between the Romanians from the two banks of the Prut river, which were separated for 106 years by the Russian Empire, which annexed the Eastern part of Moldavia (the second medieval Romanian principality) back in 1812. The text also includes a brief description of the two ecclesiastical personalities, Archimandrite Gurie and Metropolitan Pimen, as both had important roles in the creation process of the Greater Romania.

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