

**SAINT ANTHIM, A SPIRITUAL BEACON
AND A CONFESSOR OF FAITH
OPENING SPEECH**

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Abstract. Romanian culture and spirituality had and still has in Saint Anthim a spiritual beacon and a confessor of faith. We simply cannot honor Romanian culture and spirituality unless we are also honoring Saint Anthim, as someone who came in Romania from abroad, someone of a different language, someone of another culture, but someone who identified himself with the Romanian language, with the culture and with the spirituality of the Romanians.

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