

## AN ORTHODOX THINKER AND A ROMANIAN HEART: THE SAINT HIERARCH ANTHIM

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**Abstract.** 2016 is an anniversary year, dedicated to the Saint Hierarch Anthim, a multi-faced personality of Georgian origin, but with a Romanian accomplished life. He was a true Orthodox believer, a Hierarch of our Orthodox Church in Wallachia and a deep thinker, who lived through the teachings of the faith. At the same time, he was a good manager and a philanthropist, a scholar, a polyglot, a calligrapher, a typographer, a Church architect, an orator turned writer, a painter and a sculptor. His great homiletic work entitled *Didahiile* sends to *Didache*, the oldest post-Bible Christian text, famous at Constantinople, known also as *The Teachings of the Twelve Apostles (The Teachings of the Lord to the Gentiles (or Nations) by the Twelve Apostles)*. The study approaches and develops these dimensions of the personality and of the thought of the Saint Hierarch Anthim, in order to emphasize both his life and his work as an esteemed symbol of the Orthodox faith.

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