

The Mission of the Romanian Orthodoxy during the Reign of Neagoe Basarab (1512-1521)

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Abstract

After the fallen of the Byzantine Empire and his capital city Constantinople, the center of the Byzantium culture is kept in the Romanian territories, where a similar phenomenon like the Latin Renaissance is starting. The Romanian Orthodoxy had a special person as the primary missionary exponent both inside and outside the country. Neagoe Basarab was for many years the ruler in this part of Europe. His theological work, *Învățăturile către fiul său Theodosie* [Teachings for his son Theodosius], follows the byzantine tradition and expresses the model of the ruler, first as a Christian one and second as a political figure. The activity of Neagoe Basarab remains after centuries the proof that the Romanian Orthodoxy for the medieval time had influenced in a high measure the political thinking of the Romanian rulers in a very profound human manner.