

**Two Proeminent Representatives of the Romanian Sermon:  
Rev. Prof. Nicolae Petrescu and Rev. Prof. PhD. Sebastian  
Chilea**

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**Abstract**

During 1945-1989, as a characteristic of the adverse historical and political context, a particular highlight is cast on the harsh atmosphere in which the Church was forced to manifest itself, especially insofar as the cult was concerned with the holding of mass in the cult buildings. In the sermons of all representatives of this dramatic period in the history of the Church and of our nation, there are urges and comments made by such representatives, at the cost of losing their freedom or even their lives, with regard to the social, economic and political realities of those times, contributing to the ennoblement of the work full of grace, devotion and sacrifice of these remarkable preachers. As one of the most well-known theologians in Oltenia, Father Nicolae Petrescu left his mark on the activity of the School of Theology at the Coșuna-Bucovăț Monastery in Craiova. As a preacher, he ensured the proper presentation of the students when appearing at the Rostrum, giving them advice and counseling as a true parent would do, thus helping them to prepare original sermons. Considered one of the most brilliant professors of the Schools of Theology in Craiova (1951-1959) and Bucharest (1965-1978), preacher with high audience of the Metropolitan Cathedral in Craiova, as well as in several churches in Bucharest where he served, holder of a Ph.D. in philosophy, Father Sebastian Chilea was a man of peculiar sensitivity, greatly reveled by his students. As a theoretician of sermon, Father Chilea left behind, for the homiletic literature, studies of exceptional value.