## Oltenian Clerics Participants in the War for the Reunion of our Nation (1916-1918): the Priest Haralambie Baculescu from Câlcești Parish, Gorj County

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## **Abstract**

For us, the Romanians, the First World War represented a crucial a moment in our history, the importance of this moment being conscious and lived as such by our forefathers a century ago. In such moments, the Romanian Orthodox Church had its role and purpose. Within this study, we present the portrait of a priest who left Gorj county in order to be with the brave Romanian soldiers who fought in the war for the accomplishment of the Great Romania. The priest Haralambie Baculescu from Câlcești parish was among 250 priests in the country who participated in the battlefields of the First World War. The article speaks about the priest Haralambie and its missionary activity during the war.