

Folishness for Christ, Canonical Discipline, Promoting of Philocalia. Bishop Gherasim Safirin from Frăsinei Monastery, the Last Great Representative of the Romanian Neohesychasm

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Abstract

The study treats about the important personality of Gherasim Safirin (1849-1922), the bishop of Roman (1900-1909), who has decisively supported the monastic effort of collecting the older Romanian traductions of the writings of the patristic collection of Philocalia and has defended the canonical discipline of the Orthodox Church during the „ecclesial controversy” (1909-1911). Bishop Gherasim, who retired in 1911 at the Frăsinei Monastery in Oltenia, plays the role of a bridge between the neohesychasm of the monastic school of St. Paisius Velicikovski (1722-1794) and the academic concerns of the Romanian Theology after WWI about editing the main sources of the orthodox spirituality like Philokalia.