

## Professor Augustin Ioan Lectures\*

On the evening of May 18, 2004, Dr. Augustin Ioan, Associate Professor of the History and Theory of Architecture and Dean of Research and Graduate Studies at the Ion Mincu University of Architecture and Urbanism in Bucharest, Romania, delivered a lecture on sacred space at the Center for Traditionalist Orthodox Studies in Etna, CA. The lecture, which was followed by refreshments and informal discussions, was enthusiastically received by the some sixty persons in attendance. Professor Ioan, accompanied by his wife,

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Archbishop Chrysostomos, Senior Scholar at the C.T.O.S., but then a Fulbright Scholar in Romania, taught a course on the theology of Orthodox art and architecture with Professor Ioan in 2001. This collaboration continued, two years later, when His Eminence was appointed Executive Director of the U.S. Fulbright Commission in Romania and his former colleague was elected to the governing board of the Romanian Fulbright Alumni Association. It was this Fulbright connection that led to an invitation for the distinguished Romanian professor and scholar to visit the C.T.O.S. and the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery, to which the center is attached.

Dr. Ioan was also recently named to the Board of Advisors of the C.T.O.S.

## Feast Day of Ascension Parish

On the Feast of the Ascension, 2004, with the blessing of Metropolitan Cyprian and Archbishop Chrysostomos, Archimandrite Akakios, Abbot of the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery, travelled to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, where he took part in the Feast Day celebrations of our Exarchate parish there, which is dedicated to the Feast of the Holy Ascension. On the Eve of the Feast, an *Agrypnia*, or Vigil with Divine Liturgy, was served by Father Akakios and the pastor of the parish, Father Demetrios Sarlakes.



Father Akakios remained in Winnipeg through the Sunday following the Feast of the Ascension, when he once again concelebrated with the parish's pastor. He also conveyed the warm festal greetings of Metropolitan Cyprian, Archbishop Chrysostomos and Bishop Auxentios to the parish, which received him with exemplary hospitality and kindness.



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