

**Studies and Articles of Biblical Theology of the New  
Testament in the review “Altarul / Mitropolia Banatului”  
[“The Shrine of Banat” / “The Metropolitan see of Banat”]  
(1944-1947; 1951-2021)**

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**Abstract:**

*In the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, in Caransebeș, the foundations of an ecclesiastical publication of a high academic standing were laid: “Altarul Banatului” [“The Shrine of Banat”] (later renamed, in Timișoara, “Mitropolia Banatului” [“The Metropolitan See of Banat”]). Due to its content, the elegance of its ideas as well as its high standards, it soon compelled recognition among Romanian cultural-theological publications. During about seven decades of quasi-continuous publication, more than 200 studies, articles, commentaries and translations from the field of Biblical Theology were published in the pages of this valuable Orthodox publication; half of them refer to the New Testament. They are all particularly important and therefore, contribute to the Romanian and universal Christian Theology and spirituality by completing and enriching them.*

**Keywords:**

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### **Preliminary**

In the preamble of a previous study (Dobrei 2021, 109-110), published in the pages of the same university annals of Iași, I mentioned that the bases of a new ecclesiastical publication was being laid in Caransebeș – “Altarul Banatului” [“The Shrine of Banat”]), a journal of a high academic standard, “a journal for the development of the soul and theological science”; due to its content, the elegance of its ideas as well as its high standards it soon compelled recognition among Romanian cultural-theological publications (Suciu 1977, 235-236; Carebia 2002, 180). In this first editorial stage his existence was short, on January 27, 1948 editor Marcu Bănescu being forced to surrender his publication authorization to the State Security Service of Caransebeș (Archives of Caransebeș Diocese 1948).

With it, two other theological publications of Banat disappeared, namely “Biserica Bănățeană” [“Banat Church”], the official organ of the archdiocese of Timișoara, and “Duh și Adevăr” [“Spirit and Truth”], the homiletic journal of the clergy from Banat. The old periodical “Foaia Diecezană” [“The Diocesan Newspaper”], started by the great hierarch Ioan Popasu, continued to be published and in 1949, when the Episcopal Seat of Caransebeș was included in the newly-created Archiepiscopal Seat of Timișoara and Caransebeș, it became “Foaia Arhidiecezană” [“The Archdiocesan Newspaper”] (*Foaia Arhidiecezană* 1949).

However, this publication also ceased to appear in the spring of 1951, being replaced by the official organ “Mitropolia Banatului” [“The Metropolitan See of Banat”] that was actually the result of merging two post-war theological publications, “Foaia Arhidiecezană” [“The Archdiocesan Newspaper”], also the result of merging other two older church gazettes: “Foaia Diecezană” [“The Diocesan Newspaper”] of Caransebeș, which had appeared in 1886, and “Biserica Bănățeană” [“Banat Church”] of Timișoara, which appeared in 1941, and “Buletinul Eparhiei Aradului” [“The Bulletin of the Eparchy of Arad”], replacing the old diocesan publication “Biserica și Școala” [“Church and School”], which had appeared in 1877; in time, as its content became more dynamic and of a better quality, this publication revealed its true identity, namely that

of a continuer of the first theological journal of Banat, "Altarul Banatului" ["The Shrine of Banat"] from Caransebeş (1944-1947), name and mission reassumed as of January 1990 (Dobrei 2013, 41-46).

### **Studies and Articles on the Biblical Theology of the New Testament**

During the nearly seven decades of publication, in the pages of this valuable Orthodox publication were published more than 200 studies, articles, comments, translations and theological readings in the field of Biblical theology; more than half of them are historically and theologically circumscribed to the New Testament. The materials in question were published either in the section for *Theological Studies*, present in all editions of the magazine, or in columns like *Documentary*, *Church Life*, *Ancestors' Faces*, *Remembrances*, *Patristic Pages*, *Moral Readings* etc. Most writings are studies conducted with scientific accuracy by Romanian theologians; others are translations.

As for the subjects of the published materials, they cover a wide range of theological studies related to the New Testament such as Biblical archaeology studies and articles, materials concerning interpretative methods and the history of the canon of the books of the New Testament, their structure and content, the Old Law as compared to the New Law of love, etc.; many of these materials are interdisciplinary studies. Also, the magazine in question contains the comments of Church Fathers and ecclesiastical writers on some of the New Testament books, or on fragments of the Gospels, reviews, notes and bibliographic presentations of certain editions of the New Testament as a whole or parts of it, exegesis and New Testament Biblical theology volumes, studies and articles, as well as several valuable readings and poems of New Testament origin.

In the following pages we tried a systematization (by content) and an ordering (alphabetical and chronological) of all studies and articles published in the pages of this journal; we specify that in their enumeration we opted for the abbreviations "AB" (for the old edition from Caransebeş and for the current one of the "Altar of Banat" ["The Shrine of Banat"] from Timișoara) and "MB" (for the edition "Mitropolia Banatului" ["The Metropolitan See of Banat"] from Timișoara).

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### **Conclusions**

The materials published in this prestigious theological journal from Banat cover almost the entire range of the New Testament. As it can be easily noticed, some aspects are given more attention, such as those related to Biblical archaeology and the Holy Scriptures' interpretative methods of the New Law; as for the rest of the materials, on the whole, they include studies and articles on specific topics. Regardless of their content, they are all particularly important and therefore, contribute to the Romanian and universal Christian Theology and spirituality by completing and enriching them.

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