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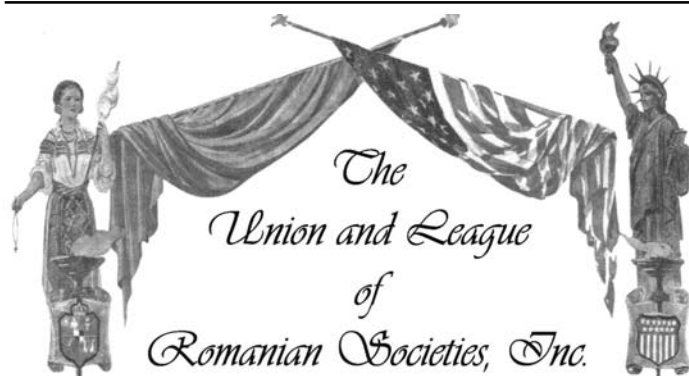
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The Societies of the Union and League of R.S.A., Inc. are requested to proceed with the election of their
Officers and Committee Members for the year 2008 in accordance with the following provisions of the Bylaws:

Article III. Election of Officers and Committee Members of Societies

Section 1. The Societies shall elect their Officers and Committee Members in the months of October,
November, December, or January of each year from the members present in the election meeting.

Section 2. Immediately after their election, the society shall report the names of their newly elected Officers
and Committee Members to the Home Office for approval of their qualifications. Those not qualified in conformity
with the U&L Constitution and Bylaws shall be so notified by the President or Secretary of the U&L and the
society shall be instructed to hold a new election for that office at its following meeting, but not later than
30 days after notification by the Home Office.

Section 3. Any appeals by the Society as to the qualification of the newly elected Officer or Committee
Member must be made to the Executive Committee, whose decision may be appealed at the next Convention.

PF Daniel

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El si-a exprimat speranta in continuarea dialogului si a
cooperarii cu alte Biserici si culte religioase, "acordand
insa o atentie deosebita pastrarii dreptei credinte si tuturor
valorilor traditionale ale Ortodoxiei".

Dupa discurs, PF Daniel a semnat, in Palatul
Patriarhiei, Actul din Condicta de Aur a Patriarhiei Romane.

In timpul ceremoniei, tronul rezervat Regelui Mihai a
ramas gol, Majestatea Sa fiind asezata pe al treilea rand,
alaturi de familia regala. Explicatia oficiala: "Nu mai suntem
o monarhie si respectam actualii conducatori alesi conform
Constitutiei. Astfel, cei mai importanti oameni din stat stau
in primul rand, cei care au fost sefi de stat, in al doilea si,
dupa aceea, familia regala care se bucura de toata aprecierea
Bisericii", a precizat purtatorul de cuvant al Patriarhiei,
preotul Constantin Stoica. Cu toate acestea, PF Daniel a
facut un gest memorabil: in timpul sedintei solemne de la
Palatul Patriarhal, el a coborat de langa presedintele Traian
Basescu si l-a sarutat pe Majestatea Sa.

Eextrem de apreciat a fost scurtul discurs al Regelui
Mihai.

"Familia noastra si cu mine suntem alaturi de toti
romanii ortodocsi, intr-un moment insemnat pentru credinta
stramoseasca si pentru Romania de Maine. Fie ca noua
pastorire care incepe astazi sa sporeasca valori
binecuvantate, precum bunatatea, responsabilitatea,
loialitatea si credinta ! Aceste virtuti sunt importante, in
egala masura, pentru romani si pentru toti europenii. Cu
totii avem nevoie unul de altul pentru a sterge urmele unui
secol lipsit de ratiune si de generozitate", a spus Regele
Mihai I, prezent la sedinta Sfintului Sinod din Aula Palatului
Patriarhiei.

Regele Mihai a apreciat ca Biserica Ortodoxa Romana
are in continuare un loc unic si fundamental in societatea
romaneasca. "Ma rog la Domnul pentru buna si inspirata

pastorire a Patriarhului Daniel. Asa sa ne ajute Dumnezeu!", a
spus Regele in incheierea mesajului sau.

Fostului presedinte Emil Constantinescu i s-a facut rau
pentru cateva minute, in timpul ceremoniei de intronizare a
Patriarhului Daniel din Catedrala Patriarhala. "Nu mancasem
de vreo 12 ore sau mai mult, de vreo 20 de ore, si am avut o
usoara ametala hipoglicemica", a precizat Constantinescu la
finalul ceremoniei. El a precizat ca in momentul in care i s-a
facut rau a fost sustinut de cei care se aflau pe scaunele de
langa el, Regele Mihai I si fostul presedinte Ion Iliescu.

PF Daniel a fost decorat de presedintele Traian Basescu,
la Palatul Cotroceni, cu Ordinul National "Steaua Romaniei",
in grad de Mare Cruce. "In sufletul meu, indiferent ce scrie in
lege, dincolo de a respecta toate cultele oficiale din Romania,
pentru mine Biserica Ortodoxa Romana este biserica nationala
a statului roman". La randul lui, PF Daniel a declarat ca "onoarea
care ni s-a facut astazi prin conferirea Ordinului National Steaua
Romaniei in Grad de Mare Cruce este, in primul rand, un act
simbolic al presedintelui Romaniei de cinstire si pretuire a
Bisericii Ortodoxe Romane" si i-a urat sefului statului multa
sanatate. "Dumnezeu sa te binecuvateze", a adaugat noul
Patriarh.

Premierul Calin Popescu Tariceanu a adresat un mesaj de
felicitare pentru intronizarea PF Daniel, spunand ca multi romani
asteapta ca noul patriarh sa dea "o justa masura implicarii
spirituale si culturale a bisericii in societate", dincolo de
framantarile zilnice. "Multi dintre romani se asteapta sa dati
justa masura implicarii spirituale si culturale a bisericii in
societatea noastra, dincolo de framantarile de zi cu zi. Sunteti
chemat sa dati dincolo de ceilalti parinti spirituali ce slujesc
biserica indemnuri la armonie, demnitate si respect reciproc",
a spus primul-ministru in mesajul sau de felicitare adresat noului
patriarh. Premierul i-a mai spus PF Daniel ca a urmarit cu "multa
admiratie" proiectele pe care acesta le-a dezvoltat in plan social.
"Sa indemnati curajos la contemplarea smereniei crestine in
fata celor saraci, a celor defavorizati, a celor suferinzi, a celor
ce lupta pentru a reusi in proiectele lor", a mai spus Tariceanu
in mesajul sau.

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