We are facing a history book that speaks about the suffering and martyrdom of a Church, which has not been defeated by the Communist atheism that chained Romania between 1945-1989. The facts described here come to answer pertinent questions that any good faith reader asks to find the truth: “How did the Romanian Greek Catholic Church survive during the Communist persecutions? What were the reasons for being persecuted? Who are the heroes who have not betrayed their beliefs? How did Communism attempt to eliminate Catholicism from the Romanian society, knowing that this Church stood at the base of the modern Romanian nation? ”

The present book, titled “The Forbidden Church” written by Mr. Silviu Sana Ph.D., comes to answer these pertinent questions, in light of the fact that in the nearly 50 years of the Catacombs, the Greek Catholic Church continued to exist, being a landmark of Christian principles among Romanians, in a ‘society’ that denies Christianity and even the existence of God.

We highly recommend this interesting and captivating reading to all who love history and seek the truth, this book being a testament of courage and faith for future generations.

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