

On the 85th Anniversary of the Church Holy Trinity , Los Angeles, CA [2 Nov.2025]

At the Banquet (20-minute program: 2:40–3:00 pm)

Introductory Speaker – Ion Anton

Mr. Ion Anton opens with a preamble and introduces Mr. Dorian Șerban, the presenter of the event. In his introduction, Mr. Anton highlights the connection between two generations of the community: the older generation and the newcomers who arrived in America after 1980.

He mentions that Dorian Șerban joined the Holy Trinity Church only two months after the arrival of Fr. Constantin Alecse in Los Angeles in 1982, at the age of about 15. Dorian quickly established himself as a true youth leader, actively participating with his family in church life, social work, and collaborations with other young people in activities organized by the parish and by the Romanian-American Society "Viitorul Roman," run by Jon and Stella Cepoi.

Dorian Șerban's contributions included hosting artists and notable personalities from Romania, helping promote Romanian culture in the diaspora.

Ion Anton concludes: *"It gives me special pleasure to hand over the microphone to none other than Mr. Dorian Șerban."*

Presentation by Dorian Șerban

Formal Address:

"Your Eminence, Archbishop and Metropolitan Father Nicolae..."

Dorian Șerban stresses that his overview will focus on the period after 1980, as earlier parish activities are documented in the 50th anniversary volumes – English and Romanian - compiled by Vee and Suzan Petrescu (English version) and by Mr. Miron Butariu (Romanian version), presented to the community at the 50th Anniversary banquet, in June 1989. He highlights the “golden period” of 1980–1995, when the Holy Trinity Romanian Church in Los Angeles was a hub of Romanian religious, cultural and social meetings and activities.

The 50-th Anniversary book [Link]: www.biserica.org/ro/txt/anniv-books/holy-trinity-39-89.pdf

Main Activities and Accomplishments of the Holy Trinity Church (1982–2025)

1. **“Viața Creștină” Magazine** - www.biserica.org/ro/rev-viata-crestina.htm
 - Nearly 40 years of continuous publication, with an initial circulation of ~1,000 copies. Edited by Fr. Constantin Alecse, it reflected the spiritual, pastoral, cultural, and social life of the community, including programs for youth and religious education.
2. **Community and Cultural Events**
 - Festivals, cultural evenings, community meals, and civic activities organized under the church's leadership.
 - The church was a true center of Romanian spirituality and culture in Los Angeles for 85 years.
3. **Notable Visitors and Contributors**
 - **Monarchs, Political Leaders, Personalities:** King Mihai I, Dr. Emil Constantinescu, Ion Rațiu, Mircea Geoană, and other Romanian Personalities in all domains and walks of life
 - **Writers and Cultural Figures:** Mircea Eliade, Eugène Ionesco, George Emil Palade, Augustin Buzura, Mircea Ionnitiu, Miron Butariu, Jon Cepoi, Aristide Buhoiu, Ion Manea, Maria Manea Manoliu

- **Conductors and Musical Ensembles:** Sergiu Celibidache, Marin Constantin, Madrigal Choir
 - 4. **Artists and Musicians (1980–2025)**
 - Singers and musicians: Maria Ciobanu, Ionuț Dolănescu, Camelia Filip-Ciobanu, Ștefan Hrușcă, Veta Biriș, Benone Sinulescu, Direcția 5, Vasile Șava, Leontina Văduva, Mihai Chiriac, Dumitru Fărcaș, Irina Loghin, Sofia Vicoveanca, Tiberiu Ceiu, Nicoleta Voica, George Rotaru, Carmen Șerban, and many others.
 - 5. **Actors and Stage Personalities**
 - Florin Piersic, Adrian Zmed, Horațiu Mălăele, Stela Popescu, Alexandru Arșinel, Gică Petrescu, Dem Rădulescu, Sebastian Papaiani
 - 6. **Folk Ensembles and Local Bands**
 - “Timișul” ensemble and other Romanian orchestras, with participation from Mihaela Belciu and Carmen Popoviciu-Grove
 - “Izvorașul” ensemble from Minnesota
 - Local Orthodox ensembles: Serbian, Greek, and others
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Photographic Documentation

- Most photos come from the archives of photography teacher Emanuel (Manu) Tânjală, offered to the church.
 - **10 photographic volumes** document the life of the community between 1982–2025, including:
 - Parish priests, councils, Ladies’ Auxiliaries, and groups (1939–2019)
 - Liturgical and occasional services (1939–2019)
 - Religious services: baptisms and conversions (1982–2019)
 - Sunday School, LAROY, dance ensembles, performances (1982–2019)
 - Betrothals and weddings (1982–2019)
 - Holy Week, Resurrection, Pentecost (1982–2019)
 - Christmas celebrations and caroling (1982–2019)
 - Cultural and social activities, Volumes I & II (1982–2019)
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Artistic Intermezzo

- **Radu Goldiș** – Master of Music
- **Ion Petrincă (Bădița)** – Guest Artist

Evocations and Stories

- **Memories, Stories:** Florin Piersic, Father Constantin Necula, and Dan Negru
(At the 34:00 minute, Florin Piersic shares his impressions from Los Angeles)
Direct link – <https://rumble.com/v15igfp-la-floriile-anului-2022-povestiri-florin-piersic-parintele-necula-si-dan-ne.html>