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THE SICKNESS AND ITS THERAPY IN THE CHURCH

The sickness and the sin, the health and the forgiveness have always been in the heart of the activity and of the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ and are part of the essential work of the Church in the 21st century.

But something changed. The modern man lost the pedagogic dimension of the disease and ceased to perceive the connection between the sin and the sickness. Today, even if the spectrum of the pathology changed, the disease still exists: it remains one of the major “threats” we have to face. Present day medicine offers us many treatments but, often, they are able to cure only the body, without taking into account the spiritual dimension of the man. The healing of the body, if not accompanied by the spiritual healing, is not complete, it lacks something...

In agreement with the general topic announced by the Holy Synod of the Romanian Orthodox Church for 2012 – “The Year of the Holy Unction and of the Care for the Sick” – this issue intends to bring a scientific contribution in order to clarify the historical, missionary, pastoral and liturgical questions concerning the sickness and its therapy in the Church and, also, concerning the Sacrament of the Holy Unction and all the other services of the Church for those in sufferance.

Therefore, we invite all theology professors and researchers from the fields of humanist and medical sciences to participate and to contribute in the understanding of the followings topics:

- the disease and its therapy in the Orthodox Church;
- the Anointing of the Sick and the other services for the sick people – historical, liturgical, theological and pastoral views;
- the care for the sick people in the context of the secularized society;
- the ethics of the medical therapy in the context of the personal believes of the sick.

Besides these general topics, there can be accepted also general studies and articles on related topics, concerning the Christian view of the disease and its therapy.

For details concerning the publication conditions, please visit the website of the Orthodox Theology Faculty of Alba Iulia: <http://fto.ro/altarul-reintegrii/>

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