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The **guests of honor**, whose participation was made possible by  
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**Florian Pittiș** - Romanian stage and television actor, musician, and director. Pittiș has been a legend of Romanian cultural life. He was the founder of "Pasărea Colibri," one of the most beloved groups that claimed to have fans in all age categories. The band formed in 1992 in the Romanian city of Râmnicu Vâlcea while the members met on stage and decided to play together. Pittiș's songs continue to mesmerize

generations of Romanians. He has also featured in may films, including „Going crazy and I'm sorry,” „The last night of love,” „The return of Veronica,” „Rock'n'Roll wolf,” „The Mona Lisa without a smile,” etc.

**Ducu Bertzi** was born in Sighetu-Marmatiei, Romania. He started studying violin at the local Music School, and in the 9th grade, he founded the "Mi bemol rock" band. He later became a member of the SONG coral band. He made his first audio recording, "Cand s-o-mpartit norocu," in 1979. This was the start of countless recordings, may of which became no1 hits. He was also invited at the Romanian Television to shoot video clips for them. And the history is still being written.





**Mioara Pitulice** comes from Muntenia, Romania. She was a well known soloist of the Ciocârlia Ensemble for 11 years. During her artistic career, she made countless recordings representative of her native area. She has appeared on numerous occasions on the National Television and the Romanian Radio. She has been on many tours, both in Romania and abroad. She currently lives in the U.S.

### The Ardeleana Ensemble

is composed of: Șandor – violin, Iuliu Gheti – accordeon, George Nuțu – clarinet. They have helped the Holy Cross Othodox Church to raise funds for the building of the new church on several occasions, including events at the Romanian Embassy and previous Romanian festivals.



The professional dancers, former members of the **Ciprian Porumbescu Ensemble**, have enchanted us many times with their dynamic dances and the beauty of their traditional Romanian costumes.



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**Aurelia Dobre** is the 1987 World Champion and 1988 Olympic Silver medalist in gymnastics. Aurelia was the greatest talent of the Dinamo Club Bucuresti and, at the Rotterdam World Championships, many specialists considered that she was the second Nadia Comaneci! She was honored with an award at the Romanian Gymnastics Federation's 100 year anniversary and is recognised as one of the few world gymnasts to have scored a "perfect 10." She currently lives in

Maryland with her husband, gym owner, Boz Mofid. Dobre works with her husband at the gym, choreographing and teaching dance. They have four sons. If you are interested in children's gymnastics, birthday parties and summer camps, visit:

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**Gheorghe (Ghiță) Mureșan** is a former Washington Wizards' professional basketball player. Mureșan was born in Cluj. He played professionally in the French league with Pau-Orthez during the 1992-1993 season. He played in the NBA from 1993 to 2000 and was named the NBA's Most Improved Player for the 1995-96 season. He joined the New Jersey Nets for the final 31 games of his career. After retiring from the NBA, Mureșan returned to the French league for three more years before returning to settle in Maryland with his family. Outside of basketball, Mureșan has dabbled in acting, playing the title character in 1998 film „My Giant” with his co-star, comedian Billy Crystal. He also played a ventriloquist in Eminem's breakout video "My Name Is", appeared in commercials for Snickers bars and ESPN, and has always taken pride in his Romanian identity.

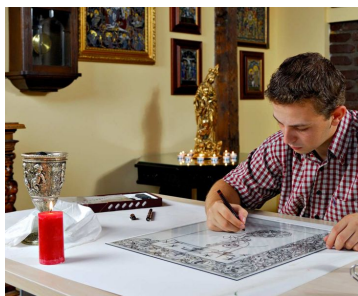




**Maria and Valentin Ciucur** started their career as iconographers more than 27 years ago in Romania. In 1998, they came to the USA. Shortly, Maria started painting the Holy Cross Orthodox Church. Her icons can be viewed in the National Cathedral in Washington, DC the Basilica of the National Shrine, and many other cathedrals, galleries and churches. They also have icons in the Hillwood Museum in Washington DC. You can see, request, and purchase her icons at:

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**George Cristian Huszar** is a Romanian born and trained artist, representative of the Romanian folk art tradition. George's style brings together the naivete of traditional Romanian icons on glass with the trained eye and hand that comes from a distinguished art education. As a freelancer and design professional, his work for Faryna and Associates, an IT and Design company, can be seen on [www.propanesafety.com](http://www.propanesafety.com).



**Andrei Teodosescu** was born in Romania and moved to Massachusetts 7 years ago. He plays a variety of instruments, and composes his own songs. He currently plays solo. Last year ('06), he moved to Maryland to attend UMD and study physiology and neurobiology <http://www.myspace.com/amacatta>

## The New Orthodox Church Saint Andrew

The Holy Cross orthodox parish is in the process of building a New Church, whose patron saint will be Saint Andrew, for the orthodox community in the Maryland-Washington DC-Virginia area. In November 2005 the parish bought a 3 acre lot at the address: 9111 River Rd, Potomac, MD 20854. The lot was purchased through a loan of 1.6 million dollars, which amounts to monthly mortgage payments of about \$10,000-120,000. On August 26, Archbishop Nathaniel and Father Calciu blessed the place where the new church altar will be built. Recently, the Episcopate Architectural Council approved the architectural plans. They will be sent to the local authorities for approval later this year, and construction will start in 2008.



If you would like to support the building of the new church, we encourage you to become a member of our church and to pledge to contribute regularly to the New Church Fund by filling out the form below.

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The Romanian Cultural Institute's mission is to promote the Romanian culture and civilization both at home and abroad. ICR strives to improve the visibility of Romanian cultural values around the world. Its strategy for 2005-2008 reveals its role as an interface between the Romanian culture and the rest of the world.



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