

Promoting The Beautiful Romania

The Wooden Church in Maramureșean Style Project Long Valley, New Jersey

- the Romanian-American community little contribution to American culture and social life -

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Honorary Consular Corps Meeting

Washington DC, November 29th, 2022

Overview



- Wooden Church in Maramureș style project – a commemorative project !
- Building a Dream ! – passion, hopes, dedication and work for the Romanian-American Community
 - ❖ The “Journey” – from “*break the ground*” until TODAY !
 - ❖ What helped – a short financial analysis via “donation vs construction advancement” 2020/2021 – *an interesting correlation* !
- The Honorary Consulate in New Jersey/ **Romanian Cultural Village!**
- Looking to the future ! – Conclusions

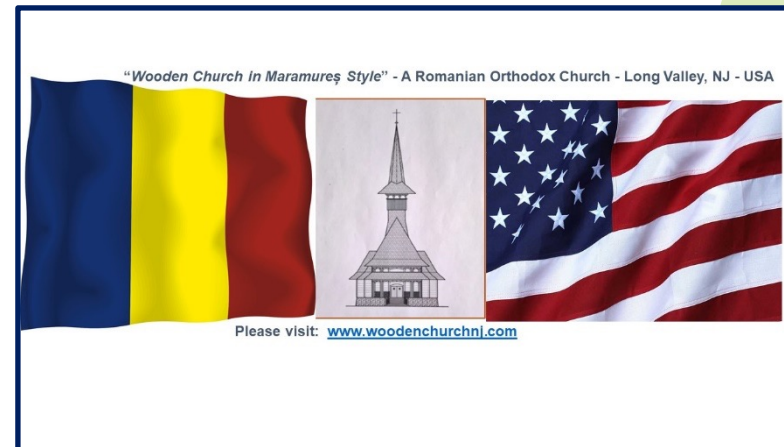
The Wooden Church in Maramureșean Style Project

- dedication and significant for Romanian-American community -



- I. Wooden church of Long Valley – it is and will remain a commemorative project
 - 100 year of Modern Romania in 2018 – an historic moment of great value for Romanians !
 - Will be the mirror of Romanian ethnicity, a pure Romanian brand in United States, representing us as immigrant from Romania in search of “Pursuing the happiness”
 - We hope that it will become a reference monument for Romanians which will last over decades because these churches are a signature of tradițional Romania
 - Modern Romania was founded in 1918 and recognized by the world including USA (during Mr. Woodrow Wilson President) in June 1920 – The Trianon Treaty, Versoix, France,
but.....
 - The Modern Romania was formally formed with the coronation of King Ferdinand and Queen Maria on October 15th, 1922 in Alba Iulia in a nice superb ceremony !!
...same,

Our Romanian-American Wooden Church was finalized and consecrated in May 2022 !



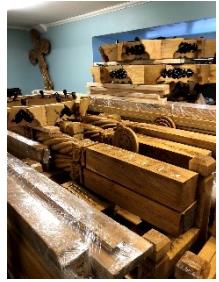
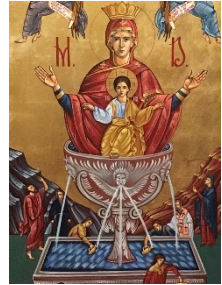


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The "JOURNEY" from "breaking the ground" till Inauguration !



First transport - Appalachian Logs



Maramureș Shipping – bell/paintings/interior furniture/roof shingles

Site – R&R Constructions



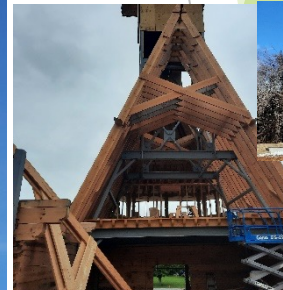
Trunarea fundatiei – Prestige



Metallic structure – Atlas



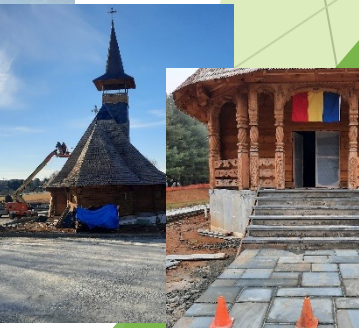
Erecting the Church – Muntenia



Roof – Muntenia Constr. + Bradee



Final touches – Muntenia Constr.

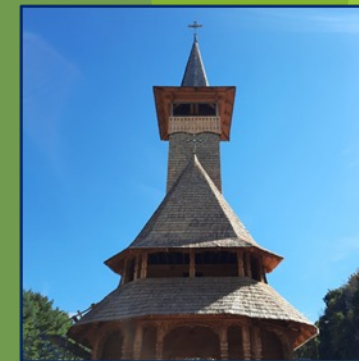


stairs – WO Construction

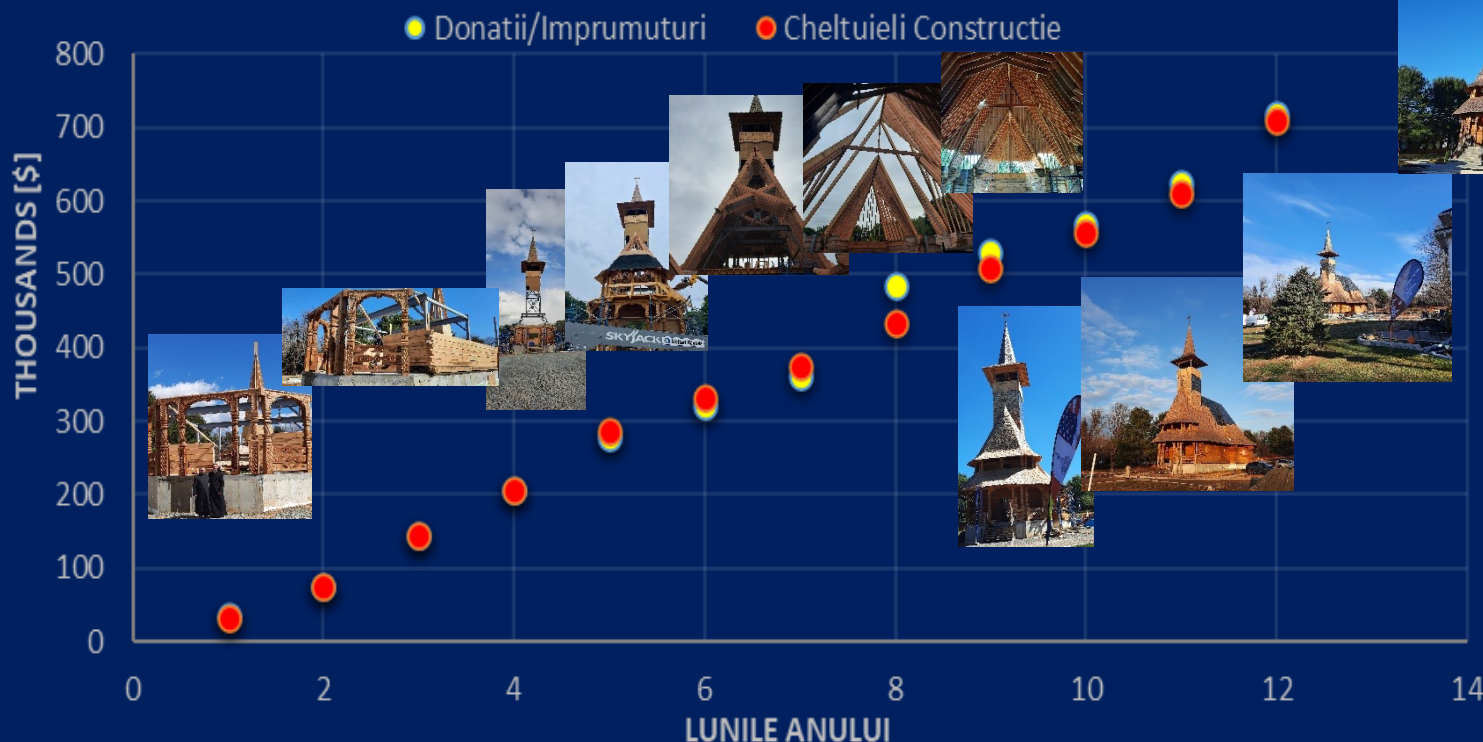


The Trend – Donation vs Raising the Church

2020/2021/2022



Corelatia intre Donatii-Cheltuieli Cumulativ



- The significant financial for the construction came and was sustained via donation and personal loans – since March 2021 once the steeple was erected, the donation came and the construction advanced - the unique architecture of the church spoke for itself and did the marketing for us !
- All the payments to the construction and personal loans are now done via a larger community bank loan.
- The plants/tree planting was done in October 2022, and the final asphalt layer was done in November 2022,

➤ **Church Consecration took place on May 1st, 2022**

Looking to the Future !!

- *conclusions* -

- All the accomplishments with this project was possible with the great support of the community members/99%+ and Romanians mainly living in US.
- The Construction/Marketing Group supporting the construction was key in finding/raising/literally personally donating or loaning funds for the construction, coordinate the overall project, procuring construction material, negotiating prices and payment terms, putting pressure on builders to ensure advance of the project !
- Consecration/Inauguration took place on **May 1st, 2022 !**
- Renovation/Converting the old building into a community supported Romanian Cultural Center for NJ, complementary to the current one functioning in NYC
- The brand new Honorary Consulate Office will be open immediately after accreditation in the old building adjacent to the new wooden church where the Romanian Cultural Center hall will also hopefully function and be alive !
- We continue to promote our project and new initiatives/**Romanian Cultural Village** around the unique wooden church:
www.woodenchurchnj.com





Romanian Community, Father John and Marketing Group “Wooden Church in Maramureșean Style” Project

Long Valley, NJ – founded on January 20th 2018



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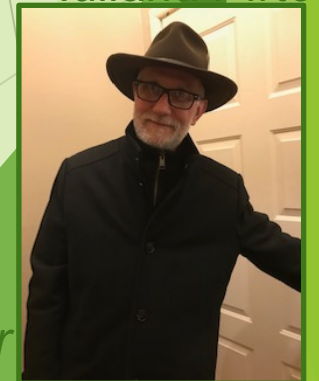
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