

## BETHAUSEN



**Local Council Office:** Bethausen no. 66, telephone 0256/333303;

**Coordinates:**

45°50'05" N lat.;

21°57'35" E long.;

**Historical landmarks:**

-1883 - founding of the Bethausen settlement by German colonists from **Zichydorf** (today Planiște, in Serbia);

-the colonists settled in the area of the Romanian village **Becliza** (Betlinești);

-1890 - the commune was part of the Balinț district, having 546 inhabitants;

-22 February 1893 - **Dumitru Neda**, theologian, professor, journalist (d. 1956) was born in Nevrincea;

-1896 - inauguration of the Balinț post office;

-1924 - the village was called **Bethlenhaus**, **Bethausen**, **Bethlenhaas** in German, **Bethlenháza** in Hungarian (Bethlen's House), whereas the Romanian inhabitants called it **Betleaz**;

-1936 - Bethausen had a men's choir, a band, a mill, a credit cooperative, a primary school, a gendarmery station, a post office and a railway station;

- there were two mills in Leucușești;

-1939 - professor **Ioan Irimescu**, author of the "Leucușești and its People" monograph is born in Leucușești;

-22 March 1948 - **Elena Sintescu**, folk music singer from Banat, was born in Cliciova;

-2002 - the Bethausen commune had 2,856 inhabitants;

**Total population on 1 January 2010:** 2,768 persons, of which:

- male = 1,369 persons

- female = 1,399 persons

**Number of households on 1 January 2010:** 1,040

**Member villages:** Bethausen, Cliciova

(1454, Clechowa), Cutina (1440, Gwthonia), Leucușești (1440 - Lékesfalva), Nevrincea (1371, Neurinche), Cladova (1308, Kaladwa);

**Educational institutions:**

- Elementary School: Bethausen; Primary Schools: Cladova, Cliciova, Cutina, Leucușești and Nevrincea; Kindergartens with normal hours: Bethausen, Cladova, Cutina, Cliciova, Leucușești;

**Sanitary institutions:**

- Local clinic: Bethausen; Sanitary-veterinary local clinic: Bethausen.

**Cultural institutions:**

- Community centre: Bethausen, Cladova, Cliciova, Leucușești and Nevrincea; Library: Bethausen (founded in 1960);

**Fitness and sports facilities:**

- Football pitch: Bethausen;

**Churches:**

- Romanian Orthodox Churches: Leucușești (1880), Cladova (1890), Cliciova (1898), Cutina (1900) and Nevrincea; Roman-Catholic Churches: Bethausen (1884) and Nevrincea (1908); Greek-Catholic Church: Nevrincea (1928); Baptist Churches: Cladova (2005), Cliciova (2000) and Leucușești (2006);

**Annual Church Festival:**

- Cliciova (Easter), Leucușești (15 August), Nevrincea and Cutina (8 September), Bethausen (last Sunday of August) and Cladova (14 October).

### CITY HALL AND LOCAL COUNCIL OF BETHAUSEN COMMUNE

<b>Lihoni Ioan</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	Laichici Viorel Doru, LC Member	CDNPP
<b>Muntean Ionel</b>	<b>Vice Mayor</b>	Iovănescu Livius, LC Member	SDP
Celău Emil, LC Member	DLP	Iovanescu Ionel, LC Member	SDP
Ciorogariu Florea Dan, LC Member	SDP	Jivănescu Ioan, LC Member	REP
Florea Petru, LC Member	CDNPP	Murariu Tripon Doru, LC Member	NGP
Gheorghe Daniel, LC Member	CDNPP	Suba Viorel, LC Member	DLP

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**Reconsecration of the Cliciova church**

On 22 September 2008, the Romanian Orthodox parishioners from the town of Cliciova celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church having as dedication day "The Resurrection of the Lord". On this special day, the renovated place of worship was also reconsecrated. His Grace, Paise Lugojanul, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Timișoara was present at the event, and celebrated the Holy Mass of the bishop, together with a group of 15 priests.

**“MOM HAS A HELL OF A DAUGHTER”**

**Elena Sintescu** was born on 22 March 1948 in the village of Cliciova. As a child, she learns folk songs from her grandmother, Florica Sintescu. At the age of 16, she makes her first appearance as a vocalist in Făget, with the orchestra of Achim Penda. She then settles in Timișoara, and works together with the orchestras lead by Ion Odrobot and Ion Platon – with the latter, at "**Sorocul**". At the Folk Festival held in Hungary in 1967, she is awarded a prize of honour, along with **Tiberiu Ceia**. Between the age of 17 and 19, she goes several times to the studios of the Romanian Television, with the orchestra led by Ionel Pocarici. At the age of 19, she records at Radio Timișoara her only two

songs from her youth: "**Mom Has a Hell of a Daughter**" and "**Listen, Mom, the Dogs are Knocking!**". In 1974, at the age of 26, she decides to give up the stage and started singing each night, for 16 years, at the "Intim" restaurant – formerly known as Sárinéni – in Timișoara.

In 1983 she gives a romance and party songs concert at the Banatul Philharmonic of Timișoara, together with **Adriana Ciuciu** and **Margareta Zsizsik**, vocalists of the Romanian Opera House of Timișoara.

Elena Sintescu leaves Romania in the '80s and settles in New York. Here she records her first CD with romances and party songs. She returns to visit Timișoara, and takes the opportunity to register two cassettes with folk music from the Banat region, being accompanied by a band led by Laurențiu Baci.

**OLD CUTINA**

The village, a settlement belonging to Bethausen, has a much older history than the commune seat, since a mention of it can be found in a donation made in 1440 by Vladislav I, king of Hungary, to the Mihai and Ioan Ország, brothers (along with the village of Leucușești), under the names Gutonya or Gwthonia. The domain of over 2,500 jochs passes over time in the property of Nicolae Bánfy (1477), and then to Francisc Haraszty, who donates it to the Ioan Ceh family (1518). At the beginning of the XVII<sup>th</sup> century, the settlement, which seemed unoccupied at that time, was given by Gavril Báthory to **Ioan Pribeek** and **Simion Stanișa**. Nevertheless, at the census conducted in



1717, Cutina is noted as having 20 houses, belonging to the Făget district. In 1780, a strange phenomenon still to be explained happens in the village: hundreds of jochs of land from the boundary of Cutina burned for an entire year and the fire couldn't be extinguished until a strong rain came, which lasted several days. During the Interwar Period, in 1924, the village had 997 inhabitants, and in 1930 the settlement had 905 inhabitants (all Romanian) and 191 houses. In 1990 the Roman Orthodox church is built.

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*Bethausen - village shop (1934)*

### PHOTO DOCUMENT

**BETHAUSEN -  
100 years of  
existence -  
1983**



## THE METROPOLITAN CANONICAL PRIEST

The Greek-Catholic priest **Dumitru Neda** was born on 22 February 1893, in the Nevrincea village. He attended theological courses in Vienna and Innsbruck, and after that he became a consistorial notary of the Diocese of Lugoj. He was a metropolitan canonical priest, journalist and professor at the Theological Academy from Blaj. As journalist, he has praiseworthy contributions to the "Union", the daily paper of the Romanian National Counsel of Blaj.

In June 17, 1934, the General Meeting of the Romanian Astra association held its proceedings in the communal school of Făget. The meeting was held according to the Astra-specific ceremonial: it began with a religious service, celebrated in the Parochial church, and the sermon about the duty to analyse the Church was given by the priest Dumitru Neda. A memorial requiem for the great benefactor of Astra, Dr. Cornel Păcurariu Bianu, was held by the priests Dumitru Neda and Alexander Banea at his gravestone, in the Communal cemetery, in front of the whole commune. Father Neda is arrested because of his faith in

1950. He is taken to the prison of Sighet. He is subject to the torture and misery of the communist penitentiaries and gets tuberculosis.

He is released in 1952 and admitted to the Jewish Hospital of Cluj, where he was treated especially by the internal specialist **Professor Alexander Ciplea, PhD**, who buys his medicine with his own money. Professor Ciplea – an unmatched practician in the art of curing and, at the same time, a scientist, author of research works in various areas of medicine – offered material and spiritual help to other Greek-Catholic priests as well, such as his Eminence, **Vladimir Ghika**. Although seriously ill, living in penury, Dumitru Neda still strongly believed in the future of the United Church, being convinced that all historical events happen with the will of God.

Once again arrested by the communist security, father Dumitru Neda was sent to Sibiu, where he was tried by the Military Tribunal. The martyr priest was condemned to house arrest in Craiova, where he passed away in 1956.

## "DR IOSIF POPOVICIU" LIBRARY

During the interwar period, the village of Cliciova took pride in its well fitted public library called "**Dr Joseph Popoviciu Library**", named after the man of culture from Banat, who was born in Cliciova. "**Graduate of Sorbona, specialising in experimental phonetics, a brilliant Slavist, professor at the Vienna, Budapest and Cluj Universities, where he founded the experimental phonetics department**" (as characterised by **Constantin Tufan**), professor Iosif Popoviciu donated to his home town 1,200 valuable books, used to set up the public town library. Iosif Popoviciu was the brother of **George Popoviciu (1862-1927)**, "**distinguished Protopope and historian from Lugoj, collaborator of the Romanian Academy**", decorated with the Star of Romania and the Order of the Crown as Commander. They were the sons of **Ana Popoviciu** from Cliciova. On their mother's side, the Popoviciu brothers were related to the baritone **Titus Olariu** (born 6.01.1896, Făget - died 30.08.1960, Timișoara), an important figure of the national and Banat's Lyric Theatre, together with tenor **Traian Grozăvescu**.



**Dr. George  
Popoviciu**