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## FATHER ARSENY: PRIEST, PRISONER, SPIRITUAL FATHER

Being the Narratives Compiled by the Servant of God Alexander Concerning His Spiritual Father

*St. Demiana Coptic Orthodox Church "ASK" Youth Meeting*

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Father Arseny, former scholar of church art, became Prisoner No. 18736 in the brutal "special sector" of the Soviet prison camp system. In the darkness of systematic degradation of body and soul, he shone with the light of Christ's peace and compassion. His sights set on God and his life grounded in the Church, Father Arseny lived by injunction to "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). In this holy season, we find spiritual insights in his life and example.

### Using this Syllabus

This syllabus of readings correlates to the first six weeks of the Great Lent. All of the assigned readings should be done before the date listed to ensure no one falls behind and the weekly discussion meetings will be fruitful. *May the blessings of this Holy Fast be with us all, Amen.*

### Assigned Readings

2/12/10	<b>First Sunday: Seeking God's Kingdom (Mt. 6:24-34)</b>
	The Prison Camp           5
	The Barracks               6
	The Patients               10-16
2/19/10	<b>Second Sunday: Fighting Temptation (Mt. 4:1-10)</b>
	The Silly Priest           16-22
	The Fair One              38-40
	The Interrogation       81-86
2/26/10	<b>Third Sunday: Repentance (Lk. 15:11-32)</b>
	Stop This                 22-25
	Life Continues         77-81
	Mihail                    49-54
3/5/10	<b>Fourth Sunday: Meeting God (Jn. 4:1-42)</b>
	When Two or Three Gather in My Name   31-38
3/12/10	<b>Fifth Sunday: Faith and Finding Goodness in Every Man (Jn. 5:1-18)</b>
	O Mother of God! Do not abandon them!   40-49
	"Whose Side Are You On, Priest?"       54-60
3/19/10	<b>Sixth Sunday: Seeing God (Jn. 9:1-41)</b>
	Sazikov                  60-62
	The Confession         62-65
	I Will Not Leave You   65-68