

## A Martyr of Romania's Communist Prisons

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#### **Father Vasile Pătrașcu**

(January 1, 1922, Bârlad – † September 23, 2006, Bucharest)

#### **I dedicated all my suffering to God...!**

I was born in January of 1922 in the town of Bârlad, to a family of Romanian people who had been Orthodox Christians for generations. I completed my middle and high school studies in Bârlad, and then I went on to the Academy of High Economic Studies in Bucharest.

I was arrested on May 16, 1948 and sentenced to 15 years of hard labor, then I was given an additional 10 years of hard labor for “subversive organizing” as I fell, along with all political detainees, under the stipulations of Law # 209, due to “plotting against the security of the state.”

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