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The grave of a priest who was martyred by the godless Bolshevik authorities has been identified in the village of Byk, in the Saratov Province.



The dean of the local Romanov District examined the grave shown to him by the village head, who explained that locals have been carefully caring for the grave all these years and offering prayers for the repose of the soul of Fr. Alexander Arkadaksky on memorial days, reports the Balashov Diocese.

Fr. Alexander was the rector of the village's Archangel Michael Church from 1895 until its closure, after which he was murdered, the locals told the dean, who also served a memorial litiya at the grave.

His daughter also fell victim to the godless authorities. Having been accused of anti-soviet activities, she was shot on January 10, 1938. Her memory was rehabilitated by the Saratov Prosecutor's Office on June 30, 1989.

Earlier this month, a chapel opened at the site of a former soviet prison in Ukraine

where newly-glorified New Martyrs served their sentences.

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