

**The Clergy from Moldavian Socialist Soviet Republic (1945-1948).
The Official Register of 1945-1948**
(Abstract)

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After the annexation of Bessarabia to the USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), the Bessarabian society faced major religious, economical, political, and social problems, which effects continue to be felt up to present days. One of the social classes that suffered numerous persecutions was the clergy. The clergymen were persecuted not only during the annexation but also during the Soviet administration. Because of this reason, in the present material we make an attempt to publish the lists of names of the priests and of church servants from Bessarabia from the last 40 years of the 20th century, registered by the Soviet authorities.

By publishing the present material we hope that we would open again a page of memory for those who devoted their life to God and to the spiritual needs of the population. At the same time, we hope that in the future we will succeed to bring into the public attention other important documentary data concerning the clergy and the church from MSSR (Moldavian Socialist Soviet Republic), which are preserved in various archives.