

Akathist to St. Arseny of Winnipeg

and Hymns for the Services to St. Arseny of Winnipeg
by Archpriest Lawrence R. Farley

with Archbishop Arseny: a vita

by Priest John Hainsworth

any of us know of "St. Arseny", but perhaps fewer of us know who this wonderful saint is. Like all true saints, he is worth getting to know! St. Arseny was born in the mid-nineteenth century in south Russia, and came to the new world in 1902, working as a tireless missionary in the northeastern United States, and then in Winnipeg. He helped found St. Tikhon's monastery and orphanage in Pennsylvania, and later founded the Pastoral School that became St. Tikhon's Seminary. He was consecrated as bishop for Canada, and because of his gifted preaching he was popularly known as "the Canadian Chrysostom".

As in the case of many saints, St. Arseny was known by the people to be a saint and is being venerated as such even before his official glorification/canonisation. We in Canada have a special and precious connection with Saint Arseny of Winnipeg. He is one of ours, as well as being one

of God's. Get to know St. Arseny, ask for his prayers and rely on

his love.

Holy Arseny of Winnipeg, pray to God for us!

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