

Today's Martyrs – August 1918

Sunday August 14, 1918



Russia: Saratov

Bishop Joseph Aloysius Kessler (aged 56, fled the city on foot before the arrival of the Bolsheviks, left behind a pastoral letter that declared them to be the anti-Christ and threatened excommunication for any who supported them, became the object of a country-wide manhunt)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0386>

Saturday August 20, 1918



Iran: Urmia

Patriarch Shimun XXI Paulos (aged 37, brother of Patriarch Shimun XXI Benyamin, succeeded his brother as Patriarch after he was killed in the Assyrian Genocide; **UPDATE**: fled with 60,000 Christians for refuge in the British Mandate of Iraq, 15,000 died in route, lived in a refugee camp, health broken)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shimun_XXII_Paulos

August 1918, date unknown



Iran: on the road outside Sain Qaleh

William Ambrose Shedd (aged 53, husband of Mary Lewis Shedd, missionary, U.S. Consul, attempted to protect the Assyrians from attack, began to assist their escape from [Urima](#),

Azarbaijan-e Gharbi to the British Mandate in Iraq on July 31, 1918; **UPDATE: died from cholera** on or about August 7, 1918 while pursued by Ottoman forces)

Mary Lewis Shedd (widow of William Ambrose Shedd, buried her husband in a shallow grave)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Ambrose_Shedd



Russia: on the Gulf of Finland coast

Fr Filozof Orantski (aged 58, husband of Jelena Zaozierska, father, arrested and executed by the Bolsheviks along with 30 others including two of his sons in the second half of August)

https://pl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filozof_Ornatski - with translation