

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – December 1918

Monday December 2, 1918



United States - Kansas: Fort Leavenworth

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<https://martyrstories.org/jacob-wipf/>

<https://theviewfromthisseat.blogspot.com/2014/11/in-memory-of-hutterite-martyrs-of-1918.html>

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26500126M/Pacifists_in_Chains

Tuesday December 3, 1918



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Tuesday December 24, 1918



Russia: Petrograd

Fr Wladyslaw Czegis (aged 30, arrested in [September 1918](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to a year and a half in prison, commuted to a large fine)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1526>

Friday December 27, 1918



Ukraine: Luhansk

Fr Piotr Emelianov (aged 34, converted from the Russian Orthodox Church to the Russian Catholic Church on [June 29, 1918](#), as a result suffered frequent attacks and beatings along with his parishioners, later arrested in [Nizhne-Bogdanovka](#) in [1918](#) in succession by the Whites, Germans, Ukrainians, and Bolsheviks; **UPDATE**: released by the Bolsheviks)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1829>

December 1918, date unknown