

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – January 1920

Thursday January 1, 1920

January 1920, date unknown



### Russia: lower Volga

Fr Franciszek Klimaszewski (aged 44, arrested as a hostage in [July 1919](#) during the Polish-Soviet War, released and re-arrested several times; **UPDATE**: arrested and placed in an unheated cell after Chekists planted weapons and ammunition in his apartment, released after several months, later threatened with arrest, went into hiding and continued his ministry despite a nationwide manhunt)

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### Ukraine: Odessa

Bishop Joseph Aloysius Kessler (aged 58, fled [Saratov in Russia](#) on foot before the arrival of the Bolsheviks on [August 14, 1918](#), 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; **UPDATE**: crossed the border into Moldova, was unable to return after Moldova joined Romania in April 1920)

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