

Today's Martyrs – April 1920

Friday April 2, 1920



Russia

Archbishop Jan Cieplak (aged 62, arrested, soon released)

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Thursday April 8, 1920



Russia: Petrograd

Ignacy Juchniewicz (aged 47, metalworker, signed a telegram to Lenin protesting the arrest of Archbishop Jan Cieplak, arrested later in the month, sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1584>

Monday April 12, 1920



Russia: Petrograd

Fr Ignacy Czajewski (aged 52, arrested, released two weeks later due to illness, emigrated to Poland)

Wincenty Gorzelniawski (church organist, member of the Central Committee of Parishes, arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0862>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1521>

Tuesday April 13, 1920



Wincenty Gorzelniawski (church organist, member of the Central Committee of Parishes, arrested on [April 12, 1920](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment in a camp, fate unknown)

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Sunday April 18, 1920



Russia, Petrograd

Ivan Golezowski (aged 48, bookkeeper, parish council member, investigated)

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Tuesday April 27, 1920



Iraq – British Mandate

Patriarch Shimun XXI Paulos (aged 39, brother of Patriarch Shimun XXI Benyamin, succeeded his brother as Patriarch on [March 23, 1918](#) after he was killed in the Assyrian Genocide; fled from [Urmia, Iran](#) on [August 20, 1918](#) with 60,000 Christians for refuge in the British Mandate of Iraq, 15,000 died in route, lived in a refugee camp, health broken; **UPDATE**: **died** in Mor Mottai monastery)

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

April 1920, date unknown



Russia: Petrograd

Mikhail Bukraba (church council member, arrested)

Fr Stanislaw Ejsmont (aged 33, went into hiding during an investigation, not arrested)

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<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1550>

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Ukraine: Belilovka

Fr Mateusz Brynczak (aged 56, hid and nursed a wounded Red Army soldier back to health)

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