

## Today's Martyrs – September 1922

**Saturday September 2, 1922**



### **Ukraine: Kamyanets-Podilsky**

Fr Wladyslaw Dworzecki (aged 48, sentenced to death as an 'incorrigible enemy of the Soviet regime', commuted to 2 years' imprisonment)

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**Tuesday September 5, 1922**



### **Turkey: Izmir – then Smyrna**

Asa Kent Jennings (aged 45, husband of Amy, father of three, U.S. citizen, former minister, YMCA employee, crippled with spinal tuberculosis, helped organize relief efforts for the Christian refugees fleeing into the city from the Turkish army offensive)

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**Wednesday September 6, 1922**



### **Turkey: Izmir – then Smyrna**

Asa Kent Jennings (aged 45, husband of Amy, father of three, U.S. citizen, former minister, YMCA employee, crippled with spinal tuberculosis; **UPDATE**: obtained use of an abandoned harbor front mansion for use as a shelter for refugee women and children, set up a maternity ward, would gain use of more such mansions in the coming days)

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**Saturday September 9, 1922**



**Turkey: Izmir – then Smyrna**

Metropolitan Chrysostomos Kalafatis (aged 55, removed as bishop by Ottoman authorities in 1914; **UPDATE**: arrested by the Turkish army, turned over to a mob, beaten, maimed, blinded, and lynched)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chrysostomos\\_of\\_Smyrna](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chrysostomos_of_Smyrna)

**Sunday September 10, 1922**



**Turkey: Izmir – then Smyrna**

Rev Charles Dobson (British citizen, buried Armenian and Greek refugees killed in the looting, including raped women)

Asa Kent Jennings (aged 45, husband of Amy, father of three, U.S. citizen, former minister, YMCA employee, crippled with spinal tuberculosis; **UPDATE**: later wrote “I have seen men, women and children whipped, robbed, shot, stabbed and drowned in the sea”, U.S. sailors began to bring women and children to his safe house at his request)

**Turkey: Paradise**

Amy Jennings (wife of Asa Kent Jennings, missionary, home at the International College attacked by three Turkish soldiers)

Asa Jennings (aged 15, son of Asa Kent and Amy Jennings, shot the three Turkish soldiers who attacked their home, killed two)

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**Monday September 11, 1922**



### **Turkey: Broussa and Mudania**

Jeannie Jillson (aged 53, U.S. citizen, missionary, teacher, travelled to her school from Constantinople [now Istanbul] aboard a U.S. Navy sub-chaser, rescued some of her students who had been threatened with death by the Turkish army, remained with them on a French warship until a chartered ship arrived)

### **Turkey: Izmir – then Smyrna**

Arousikiak Sislian (nurse, raped, father shot dead, sister raped and later died from the effects, saved a 3 year old girl from rape)

Dikran (attorney, **beheaded**)

### **Turkey: Paradise**

Alexander MacLachlan (British citizen, missionary, International College president, stripped naked and beaten by Turkish soldiers along with a U.S. Navy noncommissioned officer, saved by one of his Turkish students who brought a Turkish officer to the scene)

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**Wednesday September 13, 1922**

### **The Burning of Smyrna**

**Turkish soldiers set fire to the Christian neighborhoods of the city**

**At least 500,000 Christian refugees were present**

**It would burn for three days**



### **Turkey: Izmir – then Smyrna**

Amy Jennings (wife of Asa Kent Jennings, missionary; **UPDATE**: evacuated from **Paradise** and placed aboard a U.S. Navy destroyer)

Asa Jennings (aged 15, son of Asa Kent and Amy Jennings; **UPDATE**: evacuated from **Paradise** and placed aboard a U.S. Navy destroyer)

Asa Kent Jennings (aged 45, husband of Amy, father of three, U.S. citizen, former minister, YMCA employee, crippled with spinal tuberculosis; **UPDATE**: helped place his family aboard a U.S. Navy destroyer, returned to the refugees at his safe houses)

Minnie Mills (aged 50, U.S. citizen, missionary, director of the American Girls School, refused to evacuate the school unless the female students were also evacuated, forcibly evacuated by U.S. sailors but the sailors began the evacuation of the girls under Turkish gunfire)

Annie Gordon (aged 55, Canadian citizen, teacher, refused to evacuate the American Girls school)

Jean Christie (aged 39, U.S. citizen, missionary, YWCA director, evacuated 150 girls from an orphanage)

Bertha Morley (aged 44, U.S. citizen, missionary, evacuated 150 girls from an orphanage, had intended to spend the night with them on the quay while the city burned but was taken aboard a U.S. Navy destroyer, lost some of the children during the panic on the quay)

Sara Corning (aged 37, Canadian citizen, nurse, disaster relief worker, knocked down a Turkish soldier with a blow to the face with a Bible when he attempted to bayonet a refugee during a street melee while the evacuation of the girl's orphanage was underway)

Myrtle Nolan (U.S. citizen, missionary, teacher, took some of the 150 orphan girls away from the burning buildings and toward the harbor for evacuation)

Arouskiak Sislian (nurse, raped on [September 11, 1922](#), father shot dead, sister raped and later died from the effects, saved a 3 year old girl from rape; **UPDATE**: placed aboard a merchant ship in the harbor along with her mother, sister, and children)

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### Thursday September 14, 1922



#### Turkey: Izmir – then Smyrna

Bertha Morley (aged 44, U.S. citizen, missionary, evacuated 150 girls from an orphanage on [September 13, 1922](#), had intended to spend the night with them on the quay while the city burned but was taken aboard a U.S. Navy destroyer, lost some of the children during the panic on the quay; **UPDATE**: returned ashore the following day, found many of the missing orphans and helped place them aboard a merchant ship in the harbor)

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### Wednesday September 20, 1922



### **Turkey: Izmir – then Smyrna**

Asa Kent Jennings (aged 45, husband of Amy, father of three, U.S. citizen, former minister, YMCA employee, crippled with spinal tuberculosis; **UPDATE**: while watching the hundreds of thousands of refugees on the quay by the harbor felt and was shaken by “the hand of God on his shoulder” as an “uncontrollable desire” to save lives, with U.S. Navy and Red Cross help went to a merchant ship in the harbor and persuaded the captain to take aboard the 2,000 refugees in his care, after the ship left the harbor with his refugees fell into his bunk with prayers of thanksgiving and cried)

Lieutenant Commander Halsey Powell USN (aged 39, widower, in violation of his orders encouraged and aided Asa Kent Jennings in his efforts to secure passage for the refugees)

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### **Sunday September 24, 1922**



### **Turkey: Izmir – then Smyrna**

Asa Kent Jennings (aged 45, husband of Amy, father of three, U.S. citizen, former minister, YMCA employee, crippled with spinal tuberculosis; **UPDATE**: led a convoy of 15 merchant ships into the harbor to rescue the refugees who had survived the fire and summary executions, with the help of a Greek battleship captain had bullied the Greek government into sending aid, later said the refugees were “suffering, waiting, hoping, praying as they had be[en] doing every moment for days – waiting, hoping praying for ships, ships, ships...As we approached, and the shore spread out before us, it seemed as if every face on the Quay was turned toward us, and every arm out-stretched to bring us in. I thought the whole shore was moving out to grasp us...[they cried out in] transcendent joy”, over the next several days over 350,000 refugees would be saved by this and other convoys’ repeated evacuations to Greece)

Lieutenant Commander Halsey Powell USN (aged 39, widower; **UPDATE**: in violation of his orders coordinated the loading of refugees aboard the merchant ships with the help of British, French, and Italian naval personnel)

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### **Monday September 25, 1922**



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**Ukraine: Kumanowce, near Lityn**

Fr Antoni Liniewicz (aged 47, arrested in [Krasyliv, Ukraine](#) in 1910 for objecting to an interfaith marriage because the law required the children to be raised non-Catholic, confined to a monastery; released in 1914, beaten by Cossacks in [Radyvyliv, Kremenets district](#), sent into internal exile to [Siberia](#); released in 1917, returned to [Radyvyliv](#); **UPDATE**: arrested during a seizure of church valuables, later released)

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**Thursday September 28, 1922**



**Turkey: Izmir – then Smyrna**

Lieutenant Commander Halsey Powell USN (aged 39, widower; **UPDATE**: in violation of his orders brought his destroyer alongside a pier and aimed his guns at Turkish soldiers who were setting up machine guns with the intent to kill the refugees there, the machine guns were removed)

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**Friday September 29, 1922**



**Russia: Moscow**

Fr Vladimir Abrikosov OP (aged 41, husband of Anna Abrikosova, arrested, sentenced to death on [August 17, 1922](#); **UPDATE**: commuted to exile, expelled from the country)

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