

## Today's Martyrs – 1926 – unknown month



### USSR

Fr Antoni Jocius (aged 33, arrested in [Kolupy](#) in 1924; **UPDATE**: released, deported to Lithuania)

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### Russia

Fr Leonard Baranowski (aged 51, arrested in [Vitebsk, Belarus](#) in early June 1925, sentenced on [June 26, 1925](#) to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: sent to Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp in the summer of 1926, where he was described as a “zealous priest with very firm principles, especially in the struggle with Bolshevism”)

### Russia: Engels

Alexander Gerstner (aged 17, father exiled to Siberia, family property confiscated)

Martin Gerstner (farmer, exiled to Siberia, property confiscated, fate unknown)

### Russia: Saratov

Peter German (expelled from technical school for having a “hostile attitude toward measures taken by the Soviet regime”)

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### Georgia

Catholicos-Patriarch Ambrosius aka Besarion Khelaia (aged 65, arrested in [February 1923](#) for sending a letter to the Genoa Conference that documented Soviet atrocities; convicted in [March 1924](#), sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment; **UPDATE**: released from prison, died the following year)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ambrosius\\_of\\_Georgia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ambrosius_of_Georgia)

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**Ukraine: Brailov, outside Vinnytsia**

Fr Czeslaw Fedorowicz (aged 35, arrested in 1922 in Bila Tserkva, released after a few weeks;  
**UPDATE:** arrested, sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp)

**Ukraine: Gniewan-Witawa**

Fr Antoni Kelus-Dolega (aged 54, arrested at the end of the year, sent to Vinnytsia Prison, tortured)

**Ukraine: Kharkiv**

Fr Michal Kwiatkowski (aged 44, arrested, convicted, fate unknown)

**Ukraine: Odessa**

Fr Stanislaw Krygielski OFM Cap (aged 36, brother of Zofia and Fr Feliks Krygielski, arrested by Ottoman authorities in Jerusalem, Palestine in 1914 because he was a Russian subject, expelled; arrested in 1922 on charges of 'resistance to the seizure of church valuables', twice sentenced to death; **UPDATE:** ransomed from jail by his sister Zofia for US\$600, left for Poland)

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**Belarus: Babinovichi**

Fr Kazimierz Jurszan (aged 40, arrested, sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp)

**Belarus: Vinnytsia**

Fr Karol Galezowski (aged 47, secretly fled to Poland after threats from the GPU)

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