

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – August 1933

**Wednesday August 2, 1933**



### **Russia: Krasnoyarsk**

Fr Kazimierz Jurszan (aged 47, arrested in 1926, sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to [Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp](#); sent into internal exile on [September 22, 1930](#); **UPDATE**: sent to Moscow)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1591>

**Saturday August 5, 1933**



### **Belarus: Barysaw**

Fr Adolf Krzywicki (aged 46, arrested, sent to Minsk Prison)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1066>

**Tuesday August 8, 1933**



### **Iraq: Semele**

**Three thousand Assyrians were massacred by the Iraqi army and police**

Fr Sada (abducted, **beheaded**)

Nemo Awoo (witnessed the abduction of Fr Sada, later witnessed other atrocities including the murder of a 9 year old girl who had taken refuge in the church)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26474392M/Doves\\_in\\_Crimson\\_Fields](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26474392M/Doves_in_Crimson_Fields) pgs 150-159

### Friday August 11, 1933



#### Iraq: Semele

**Three thousand Assyrians were massacred by the Iraqi army and police**

Gauriel (identity papers seized, **shot dead**)

Fr Ismail (dragged by a rope tied around his neck, **shot dead**)

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### Sunday August 13, 1933



#### Iraq: Alqosh

Patriarch Yousef VI Emmanuel II Thomas (aged 81, prevented the Iraqi army from massacring Assyrian Christians following their [August 7-11, 1933](#) massacre of 3,000 Assyrian Christians in [Semele](#))

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Semele\\_massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Semele_massacre)

<https://barnabasfund.org/news/Commemorating-the-1933-Semele-massacre-against-Iraqi-Christians>

### Tuesday August 15, 1933

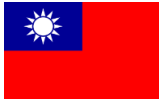


### **Russia: Ryazan**

Sr Sophia Eismont OP (aged 33, arrested in [Moscow](#) on [March 8, 1924](#); sentenced to 3 years' internal exile on May 19, 1924; released on [May 9, 1927](#), forced to settle in [Krasnodar](#) for 3 years; **UPDATE**: arrested, sent to Moscow)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0250>

**Tuesday August 22, 1933**



### **China: on the banks of Lake Dongting near Changde, Hunan**

Fr Abilio Gallego Abad OSA (aged 37, **killed**)

Andreas Change (aged ca 43, catechist, spouse, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1933.htm>

**Tuesday August 29, 1933**



### **Ukraine: Krymok**

Fr Boleslaw Blechman (aged 59, arrested for counter-revolutionary activities)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0130>

**August 1933, date unknown**



### **Iraq: Bagdad**

Patriarch Eshai Shimun XXIII (aged 25, elected patriarch of the Assyrian Church of the East in Iraq in [1920](#); invited in [June 1933](#) to participate in negotiations regarding possible

Assyrian autonomy, arrested after he refused to renounce temporal authority; **UPDATE:**  
exiled to Cyprus, flown there in a British aircraft)

### **Iraq: Semele**

#### **Three thousand Assyrians were massacred by the Iraqi army and police**

Khoshaba Bercham (aged 7, witnessed the shooting death of her father)

Mariam Sorrow (aged 8, grandniece of Yousif, great-grandniece of Gewargis, witnessed the shooting death of her father who ran to lead them away from her and the beheading of her uncles)

Yousif (nephew of Gewargis, granduncle of Mariam Sorrow, **beheaded**)

Gewargis (uncle of Yousif, great-granduncle of Mariam Sorrow, **beheaded**)

Mariam (wife, mother of David, witnessed the shooting deaths of her husband and son)

David (aged 7, son of Mariam, **shot dead**)

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### **Russia: Leningrad prison**

Fr Pawel Chomicz (aged 39, arrested in [Leningrad](#) on [December 3, 1926](#), charged with counter-revolutionary activities; sentenced on [June 27, 1927](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; arrived at [Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp](#) on [July 3, 1927](#); transferred to [Anzer Island](#) in [June 1929](#); arrested for illegally saying Mass on [July 3, 1932](#); sentenced on [May 27, 1933](#) to one year in a penalty isolator on ; arrived at Leningrad prison on [July 22, 1933](#); **UPDATE:** sent to Komsomolsk-on-Amur, Russian Far East)

### **Russia: Siblrag labor Camp**

Fr Michal Bugienis (aged 45, sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in [August 1931](#); **UPDATE:** transferred to Butyrka Prison in Moscow)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0183>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1821>