

Today's Martyrs – June 1937

Thursday June 3, 1937



Ukraine: Kiev

Fr Zygmunt Kwasniewski (aged 50, arrested in [April 11, 1927](#) in [Proskurov](#) on anti-Soviet agitation and espionage charges; released on [October 21, 1928](#) after being forced to agree to 'voluntary' cooperation; arrested on [March 2, 1930](#); sentenced on [June 30, 1930](#) to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp followed by 5 year' internal exile, the camp sentence was suspended, sent to [Rostov-on-Don in Russia](#), later returned to [Kiev](#); **UPDATE:** arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges, broken during interrogation, implicated himself and others)

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Tuesday June 8, 1937



Ukraine: Kiev

Jadwiga Adamowicz (aged 66, widow, accused of pro-Polish nationalism in [1930](#), acquitted; **UPDATE:** arrested for “carrying out counter-revolutionary, nationalistic and espionage activities”)

Jadwiga Gembarzewska (aged 46, housewife, arrested on counter-revolutionary, espionage, and nationalist charges and for having petitioned the government to not close churches)

Stanislawa Gembarzewska (arrested on counter-revolutionary and nationalistic charges)

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Wednesday June 9, 1937



Belarus: Fashchevka , Mogilev oblast

Fr Peter Janukowicz (aged 74, arrested in [Moscow](#) on [March 10, 1923](#); sentenced on [March 26, 1923](#) to 3 years' imprisonment in Lefortovo Prison; released in [January 1925](#); **UPDATE:** arrested)

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Sunday June 13, 1937



Belarus: Mogilev

Fr Peter Awgło (arrested in [1923](#), released; arrested on charges of espionage and counter-revolutionary activity in [Vitebsk](#) in [1927](#), released after six and a half months; **UPDATE:** arrested)

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Monday June 14, 1937



Belarus

Fr Stanislaw Cybulewicz (aged 75, wrote a letter on [November 18, 1936](#) which stated he wanted to move to Lithuania, at the end of [1936](#) was arrested in Ulla; released in [March 1937](#), forbidden to leave; **UPDATE:** arrested on counter-revolutionary charges)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1518>

Sunday June 20, 1937



Russia: Simferopol

Bishop Alexander Frison (aged 62, arrested on [October 15, 1935](#), charged with ‘espionage on behalf of the Germans’, held in the prison basement; indicted on [June 19, 1936](#) on charges that “he had hidden in the church rosaries, crosses, little images, holy cards, leaflets with explanations for praying the rosary, and litanies printed in Roman script” and that a brochure with the phrase “in hellish swarms” was anti-Soviet; convicted on [September 17, 1936](#), sentenced to death; **UPDATE:** **shot dead**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0274>

Wednesday June 23, 1937



Kazakhstan

Fr Hilarion Tsurikov (arrested on counter-revolutionary charges)

Fr John Laba (aged 74, arrested on counter-revolutionary charges)

<http://afonit.info/biblioteka/nasledie-russkogo-monastyrya/svyatye-russkie-svyatogortsy-postradavshie-za-khrista-vo-vremya-bogoborcheskikh-gonenij-v-sssr> - with translation

Sunday June 27, 1937



Germany: Dahlem, Berlin

Rev Martin Niemoller (aged 45, husband of Else Bremer Niemoller; **UPDATE:** said in a homily “We have no more thought of using our own powers to escape the arm of the authorities, than had the Apostles of old. No more are we ready to keep silent at man’s behest when God commands us to speak. For it is, and must remain, the case that we must obey God rather than man”)

<https://openlibrary.org/books/OL25892903M/Bonhoeffer>

June 1937, date unknown



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Russia: Ufa

Fr Franciszek Budrys (aged 55, arrested on charges of being the ‘president of an espionage network of the counter-revolutionary insurgent Polish Military Organization POV’, parish council members also arrested)

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Belarus: Minsk

Fr Konstantin Andrekus (aged 62, put on a 1933 request for prisoner exchange by the Lithuanian Red Cross after having been repeatedly arrested, request denied by the Soviet government; **UPDATE**: arrested on charges of supporting the insurgent organization POV)

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