

## Today's Martyrs – December 1937

Wednesday December 1, 1937

У.С.Р.Р.

### Ukraine: Kiev

Maria Brzenczyk (aged 60, housewife, arrested on [November 17, 1934](#) on charges that she was 'an active parishioner, she took an active part in the life of the church and conducted counter-revolutionary work, spreading provocative rumors about the Soviet Union'; **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0175>

Thursday December 2, 1937

РСФСР

### Russia: Bamlag labor camp, Amur region

Olga Fitsner (aged 52, office worker, arrested in [Moscow](#) on [January 15, 1934](#); sentenced on [February 12, 1934](#) to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE:** released, exiled to Adygea ASSR)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0269>

Friday December 3, 1937

РСФСР

### Russia: Butovo firing range, outside Moscow

Archpriest Vladimir Fabian Medveduk (aged 49, arrested in [1930](#), family evicted and became homeless; **UPDATE:** *shot dead*)

### Russia: Moscow

Fr Danakt Kalashnikov (aged 55, arrested in [Vladimir](#) in [November 1937](#) for 'actively campaigning for belief in God among both adults and children'; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

<http://afonit.info/biblioteka/nasledie-russkogo-monastyrya/svyatye-russkie-svyatogortsy-postradavshie-za-khrista-vo-vremya-bogoborcheskikh-gonenij-v-sssr> - with translation  
[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=734:2014-12-09-18-12-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=734:2014-12-09-18-12-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation

**Sunday December 5, 1937**

PCOCP

**Russia: Kemerovo**

Fr Jozef Bieniecki (aged 67, arrested in [Mariinsk](#) on [July 27, 1937](#); sentenced to death on [November 23, 1937](#) in [Kemerovo](#); **UPDATE**: **shot dead**)

**Russia: Moscow**

Archpriest Constantine Pyatikrestovsky (aged over 50, husband of Ludmila Sergeevna, father of four including Panteleimon, grandfather, arrested in [Dimitrov](#) on [November 26, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp)

**Russia: Sevvostoklag – Kolyma labor camp, Nagayevo Bay, near Magadan**

Vladimir Balashev OPL (aged 57, engineer, arrested in [Dmitrov, Moscow region](#) on [August 15, 1935](#); sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [November 28, 1935](#); sentenced to death on [November 28, 1935](#); **UPDATE**: **shot dead**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0056>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0122>

<http://www.pravmir.com/hieromartyr-constantine-pyatikrestovsky-faith-in-god-will-not-end-with-priests-imprisonment-it-is-immortal/>

**Tuesday December 7, 1937**

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**Russia: Moscow**

**Fifteen Christians sentenced to death**

Archimandrite Cronid aka Konstantin Petrovich Lyubimov (aged 78, evicted from the monastery of Trinity Lavra of St. Sergius in [Sergiyev Posadon](#) on [November 3, 1919](#) along with his monks; arrested in [Sergiyev Posadon](#) on [November 21, 1937](#))

Archpriest Dmitry Bayanova

Abbot Nicodemus Monina

Hieromonk George Potapov

Hieromonk Gideon Cerkalova

Hieromonk Gideon Smirnov

Hieromonk Jacob Marachkin

Hieromonk Lawrence Nasonova

Abbot Pavlova

Hieromonk Seraphim aka Sergey Alexeevich Krestianinov (aged 62)

Abbot Xenophon aka Konstantin Andreevich Bondarenko (aged 51, sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp in [1935](#))

#### **Russia: Vladikavkaz**

Fr Antoni Czerwinski (aged 56, brother of Emelia Czerwinska, arrested on anti-Soviet charges on [January 2, 1936](#); sentenced to death on [November 2, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: appeal denied in Moscow)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1531>

[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=734:2014-12-09-18-12-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=734:2014-12-09-18-12-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation

**Wednesday December 8, 1937**

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#### **Russia: Leningrad Prison**

Fr Martin Fiks (aged 54, arrested in [1923](#), sentenced to 2 years' internal exile, upon his return was rearrested and sentenced to 10 years' internal exile; arrested on [December 12, 1929](#); sentenced to death on [April 20, 1931](#), commuted to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; sentenced to death on [November 25, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: **shot dead**)

Fr Stanislaw Ganski (aged 57, brother of Stanislaw, arrested several times in [Zhmerynka, Ukraine](#) in [1922](#), finally sent to prison; released from prison on [October 8, 1927](#); arrested on January 26, 1930; sentenced in [Kharkiv, Ukraine](#) on [May 17, 1930](#) to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; denied the right to correspond with his sister in [1934](#); sentenced to death on [November 25, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: **shot dead**)

#### **Russia: woods near Leningrad**

Fr Pavel Alexandrovich Florensky (aged 55, sentenced to death by the NKVD on [November 25, 1937](#); **UPDATE: executed**)

**Russia: Sandormokh, outside Medvezhyegorsk, Leningrad district**

Frants Golembiewski (aged 35, craftsman, arrested in [Leningrad](#) in [1931](#); sentenced to death on [March 7, 1932](#), commuted to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to [Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp](#); sentenced to death on [November 10, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

**Russia: Saratov**

Fr Aleksey Anisimov (aged 63, bookkeeper, arrested on [April 14, 1931](#) and charged with anti-Soviet agitation; released for lack of evidence on [December 16, 1931](#); **UPDATE: sentenced to death for 'defeatist anti-Soviet agitation' for clandestinely celebrating Divine Liturgy in his home**)

**Russia: Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp**

Fr Ludwig Erk (aged 37, arrested in [Slavhorod](#) on [September 8, 1929](#); convicted on [March 23, 1930](#), sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a camp; arrested in [1932](#) on [Anzer Island](#) for 'creation of an anti-Soviet group, carrying out anti-Soviet agitation, secretly celebrating liturgical and religious rites and maintaining an illegal contact with a free worker for purposes of transmitting abroad information of an espionage nature about the situation of Catholics in the USSR', sentenced to one year of solitary confinement; sentenced to death on [November 25, 1937](#); **UPDATE: executed**)

Fr Peter Eisenkrein (aged 51, arrested in [Telgulo, Odessa district, Ukraine](#) on [October 18, 1935](#); sentenced in [Odessa](#) on [February 21, 1936](#) to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE: shot dead**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0027>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0267>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0811>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0853>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1549>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1557>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pavel\\_Florensky](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pavel_Florensky)

**Thursday December 9, 1937**



**Spain: Arganda, Madrid**

Jose Espinosa Martinez (aged 23, seminarian, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC58.htm>

**Friday December 10, 1937**

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**Russia: Butovo firing range, outside Moscow**

Br Alexey Petrovich Gavrin (aged 54, **shot dead**)

Abbot Azariah Pavlova (sentenced to death on [December 7, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

Archimandrite Cronid aka Konstantin Petrovich Lyubimov (aged 78, evicted from the monastery of Trinity Lavra of St. Sergius in [Sergiyev Posadon](#) on [November 3, 1919](#) along with his monks; arrested in [Sergiyev Posadon](#) on [November 21, 1937](#); sentenced to death on [December 7, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

Archpriest Dimitry Fedorovich Bayans (aged 52, **shot dead**)

Archpriest Dmitry Bayanova (sentenced to death on [December 7, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

Hieromonk George Potapov (sentenced to death on [December 7, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

Hieromonk Jacob Marachkin (sentenced to death on [December 7, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

Hieromonk Lawrence Nasonova (sentenced to death on [December 7, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

Abbot Nicodemus Monina (sentenced to death on [December 7, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

Archbishop Nikolai Dobronravov (aged 76, **shot dead**)

Hieromonk Seraphim aka Sergey Alexeevich Krestianinov (aged 62, sentenced to death on [December 7, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

Abbot Xenophon aka Konstantin Andreevich Bondarenko (aged 51, sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp in [1935](#); sentenced to death on [December 7, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

**Russia: Saratov**

Fr Aleksey Anisimov (aged 63, bookkeeper, sentenced to death on [December 8, 1937](#) for 'defeatist anti-Soviet agitation' for clandestinely celebrating Divine Liturgy in his home; **UPDATE: shot dead**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0027>

[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=734:2014-12-09-18-12-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=734:2014-12-09-18-12-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation

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## Ukraine: Kiev

Maria Brzencyk (aged 60, housewife, arrested on [November 17, 1934](#) on charges that she was 'an active parishioner, she took an active part in the life of the church and conducted counter-revolutionary work, spreading provocative rumors about the Soviet Union'; sentenced to death on [December 1, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: [shot dead](#))

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0175>

## Saturday December 11, 1937



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## Russia: Butovo Firing Range, outside Moscow

Archpriest Peter N Postnikov (aged 60, [shot dead](#))

Metropolitan Seraphim aka Leonid Mikhailovich Chichagov (aged 81, widower, father, retired bishop, arrested by the NKVD on [November 30, 1937](#), removed from his apartment on a stretcher due to his invalid condition; **UPDATE**: [shot dead](#))

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seraphim\\_Chichagov](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seraphim_Chichagov)

[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=734:2014-12-09-18-12-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=734:2014-12-09-18-12-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation

## Tuesday December 14, 1937



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## Ukraine: Kiev

Josif Girny (aged 44, water works employee, arrested on [January 31, 1933](#), later released; arrested on [November 17, 1937](#) on charges that included he 'often attended church, was in close contact with the priests'; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp)

Leonard Belsky (aged 64, arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0106>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0837>

Wednesday December 15, 1937



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**Russia: Butovo firing range, outside Moscow**

Fr Danakt Kalashnikov (aged 55, arrested in Vladimir in November 1937 for 'actively campaigning for belief in God among both adults and children'; sentenced to death on December 3, 1937; **UPDATE: shot dead**)

Fr Feodor Nikolaevich Aleksin (aged 62, **shot dead**)

<http://afonit.info/biblioteka/nasledie-russkogo-monastyrya/svyatye-russkie-svyatogortsy-postradavshie-za-khrista-vo-vremya-bogoborcheskikh-gonenij-v-sssr> - with translation  
[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=734:2014-12-09-18-12-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=734:2014-12-09-18-12-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation



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**Ukraine: Prutovka, Volynia province**

Wiktor Buczynski (aged 27, collective farm worker, hid camp escapee Fr Andronik Rudenko in his barn 'for a long time', arrested, did not betray Fr Rudenko)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0178>



**Spain: Cabo Mayor, Santander, Cantabria**

Fr Joaquin Fernandez Martinez (**killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC58.htm>

Thursday December 16, 1937



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**Russia: Ufa**

Fr Franciszek Budrys (aged 55, arrested in [June 1937](#) on charges of being the 'president of an espionage network of the counter-revolutionary insurgent Polish Military Organization POV', parish council members also arrested; **UPDATE**: **shot dead** along with 180 other Catholics)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0181>



**Ukraine: Stavishche, Tarashchan district, Kiev province**

Ivan Fedorowicz (aged 53, mechanic, arrested, charged with counter-revolutionary activity)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0958>



**Germany: Wurtingen**

Pastor Theodor Dipper (aged 34, husband of Hildegard, gag order imposed on him by the Ministry of Propaganda for his preaching against Alfred Rosenberg's *Protestant Rompilger: The Betrayal of Luther and the "Myth of the Twentieth Century"* which called for Germans to abandon Christianity, replied "You have forbidden the proclamation of the Word of God with your disposition. This preaching, however, is commanded as a preacher of the Word of God")

[https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theodor\\_Dipper](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theodor_Dipper) - with translation

**Sunday December 19, 1937**



**Russia: Butovo firing range, outside Moscow**

Archpriest Sergei Ivanovich Goloshchapov (aged 55, **shot dead**, had spent 3 years imprisoned in the Solovetsky Islands)

**Russia: Ukhtpechlag labor camp, Chibiu, Komi ASSR**

Vera Kruszelnicka (aged 22, niece of Camilla Kruszelnicka, investigated in [Moscow](#) in [1933](#) due to her friendship with the son of Marshal Voroshilov; sentenced on [February 19, 1934](#) to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to [Bamlag](#); transferred to [Ukhtpechlag](#) in [February 1935](#); **UPDATE**: arrested on anti-Soviet and terrorist charges)



<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0422>  
[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=734:2014-12-09-18-12-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=734:2014-12-09-18-12-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation

**Monday December 20, 1937**



**Russia: Moscow**

Sr Sevastiana (aged 65, sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp)

[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=837:2015-07-14-08-02-14&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=837:2015-07-14-08-02-14&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation

**Wednesday December 22, 1937**



**Spain: Caparrates, Teruel**

Fr Antonio Aspas Calomarde (aged 37, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC57.htm>

**Thursday December 23, 1937**



**Spain: Caparrates, Teruel**

Anastasio Martinez Saez (aged 48, husband, **killed**)

**Spain: Teruel**

Br Onofre Mulet Monfort OFM (aged 57, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC38.htm>

<http://newsaints.faiweb.com/martyrs/MSPC57.htm>

**Friday December 24, 1937**



**Spain: La Puebla de Valverde, Teruel**

Fr Barnardo Ortiz Marques (aged 44, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faiweb.com/martyrs/MSPC57.htm>

**Saturday December 25, 1937**

**Christmas – Western calendar**



**Russia: Novosibirsk**

Fr Georg Baier (aged 66, sentenced on [April 20, 1935](#) in [Markstadt](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0052>



**Spain: Caparrates, Teruel**

Fr Joaquin Clementino Andres Galindo (aged 44, **killed**)

Fr Vicente Monfort Casteller (aged 64, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faiweb.com/martyrs/MSPC57.htm>

**Monday December 27, 1937**

PCΦCP**Russia: outside Khabarovsk**

Fr Anton Hoffmann (aged 40, arrested in [Landau, Nikolayevsky district](#) in [November 1934](#); sentenced on [April 28, 1935](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to [Bamlag](#); sentenced to death on [November 28, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0336>

**Spain: Albentosa, Teruel**

Fr Francisco Canada Gil (aged 56, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC57.htm>

**Wednesday December 29, 1937**

PCΦCP**Russia: Butovo Firing Range, Moscow**

Bishop Arkady Ostalsky (aged 49, arrested in [Moscow](#) in [May 1928](#); sentenced in [July 1928](#) to 5 years' imprisonment, later extended to 10 years, sent to [Solovki camp](#); released in [February 1937](#), moved to [Kaluga](#); arrested in [September 1937](#) while attempting to flee on a midnight train; **UPDATE: shot dead**)

<https://azbyka.ru/days/sv-arkadij-ostalskij> - with translation

**Thursday December 30, 1937**

УРСР**Ukraine: Bespechnoye, Kiev province**

Maria Ditkovskaya (arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0235>

## December 1937, date unknown

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### Russia: Butovo firing range, outside Moscow

Hieromonk Gideon Cerkalova (sentenced to death on [December 7, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: **shot dead** on December 10 or 11, 1937)

Hieromonk Gideon Smirnov (sentenced to death on [December 7, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: **shot dead** on December 10 or 11, 1937)

### Russia: Tomsk

Fr Philipp Haufmann (aged 60, deprived of his voting rights in [1922](#) in [Odessa](#); arrested in [Josefstal](#) on [April 22, 1935](#); sentenced in [Odessa Prison](#) on [August 28, 1935](#) to 3 years' internal exile; **UPDATE**: arrested and sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1701>

[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=734:2014-12-09-18-12-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=734:2014-12-09-18-12-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation