

## Today's Martyrs – 1938 – unknown month



### Kazakhstan

Fr Valentin Bocher (known to be in internal exile at this time, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0134>



### Russia

Sofia Bauer-Trike (aged 51, arrested in [Vladikavkaz](#) on counter-revolutionary charges on [August 28, 1936](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to 6 years' imprisonment, fate unknown)

#### Russia: Butkovo firing range, outside Moscow

Sr Martha Kovrov (**shot dead** between January 25 and February 7, 1938)

#### Russia: Ukhtpechlag labor camp

Sr Sophia Eismont OP (aged 38, arrested in [Ryazan](#) on [August 15, 1933](#), sent to [Moscow](#); sentenced on [February 19, 1934](#) to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to [Bamlag](#); arrested on [February 2, 1935](#), sent to [Ukhtpechlag](#); **UPDATE**: transferred to [Vorkutlag](#))

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0087>

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

[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=563:2014-03-16-19-17-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=563:2014-03-16-19-17-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) – with translation



### Ukraine

Fr Kuksha aka Kosma Velichko (aged 63, arrested, sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a camp, sent to Vilma camp in Perm oblast)

#### Ukraine: Bila Tserkva

Stanislawa Janiszewska (aged 45, arrested in [Kiev](#) on [August 5, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: sent into internal exile in Central Asia, released in 1941 for military service)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0351>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuksha\\_of\\_Odessa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuksha_of_Odessa)



### **Poland - now Belarus: Druya**

Fr Jerzy Kaszira MIC (aged 34, forbidden by Polish authorities from ministry in the border zone)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1016>



### **Austria**

Fr Johannes Messner (aged 47, professor, publisher, politician, fled the country to Switzerland after the Anschluss due to his professed anti-Nazi views, settled in England for the duration of the war)

### **Germany: Oberschwarzach**

Fr Joseph Georg Simon Hafner OCDS (aged 38, banned from teaching religious education due to his anti-Nazi views)

### **Germany: Wurtingen**

Pastor Theodor Dipper (aged 35, husband of Hildegard, gag order imposed on him by the Ministry of Propaganda on [December 16, 1937](#) 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"; **UPDATE**: imprisoned for 21 days, later rescued Jews with the help of his wife)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georg\\_H%C3%A4fner](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georg_H%C3%A4fner)

[https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johannes\\_Messner](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johannes_Messner) - with translation

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