

## Today's Martyrs – July 1939

Monday July 17, 1939



### Ukraine: Kharkiv

Archbishop Aleksandr Feofanovich Petrovsky (aged 87; church in [Poltava province](#) closed in 1919; arrested in [Kharkiv](#) on [June 20, 1938](#) for refusing to share his church building with the collaborative Living Church; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment)

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### Germany: Buchenwald concentration camp

Pastor Paul Schneider (aged 41, husband of Margarete Dieterich, father of six, arrested in [Dickenschied](#) in [June 1934](#) after telling a Hitler Youth leader that he would not allow God's Word to be adulterated during a funeral service for a Hitler Youth boy, released after a week; arrested without warrant in [March 1935](#) after reading a Confessing Church synod document that criticized the government, released after a few days, later interrogated a dozen times in the [winter of 1935-36](#); arrested after a Harvest Thanksgiving celebration on or after [October 3, 1937](#); transferred to Buchenwald on [November 27, 1937](#); placed in solitary confinement on [April 20, 1938](#) after refusing to honor Adolph Hitler or the Nazi flag, repeatedly beaten when he continued to preach from his cell window; **UPDATE**: **killed with a lethal injection**)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul\\_Schneider\\_\(pastor\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Schneider_(pastor))

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