

## Today's Martyrs – May 1942

Monday May 4, 1942



### Russia: Kargopol camp

Fr Peter Heut (aged 48, jailed in [Marianovka, Berdyansk, Ukraine](#) in 1930, released; arrested in [Weizendorf](#) on [January 22, 1933](#); sentenced on [September 10, 1933](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to [Belbaltlag](#); transferred to [Kargopol camp](#) on [July 6, 1941](#); **UPDATE: died**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0893>



### Poland: Warsaw

Archimandrite Grigol Peradze (aged 43, went into exile after the Communist occupation of [Georgia](#) on [February 25, 1921](#); **UPDATE: arrested** by the Gestapo for activities in sympathy with Christians and Jews)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grigol\\_Peradze](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grigol_Peradze)



### Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Pastor Josef Cohen (**died** in a transport from Dachau of disabled)

Fr Jozef Czempiel (Polish citizen, **murdered**)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J%C3%B3zef\\_Czempiel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J%C3%B3zef_Czempiel)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26360161M/The\\_Priest\\_Barracks](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26360161M/The_Priest_Barracks)

Thursday May 7, 1942



### Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Fr Josef Krebs (aged 67, Czech national, **died**)

[http://newsaints.faihtweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Czech1.htm](http://newsaints.faihtweb.com/new_martyrs/Czech1.htm)

**Tuesday May 12, 1942**



### Vatican City

Fr Pirro Scavizzi (Italian military chaplain, while travelling with his unit in **Poland and Russia** at the end of **February 1942** began to compile a report of concentration camps where tens of thousands disappeared, included reports of the smoke from the crematorium at Auschwitz; **UPDATE**: presented his report to Pope Pius XII, said later that the pope upon receiving the news raised his hands to heaven and “wept like a child”)

[https://openlibrary.org/works/OL17318218W/Church\\_of\\_Spies](https://openlibrary.org/works/OL17318218W/Church_of_Spies)

**Friday May 15, 1942**



### Austria: Frankenburg am Hausruck, Vocklabruck

Fr Woldemar Theodor Grossmann (aged 71, arrested in **Steyr** on **December 22, 1939** for anti-Nazi comments made in the confessional, convicted on **March 28, 1940**; **UPDATE**: **died from heart failure**)

[http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE\\_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fdioezese-linzold.at%2fordinariat%2fdioezesanarchiv%2fbiografien%2fgrossmann.asp%3fdrukken%3dja](http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fdioezese-linzold.at%2fordinariat%2fdioezesanarchiv%2fbiografien%2fgrossmann.asp%3fdrukken%3dja)

**Monday May 18, 1942**



**Germany: Lubeck**

Fr Johannes Prassek (aged 31, arrested for aiding the anti-Nazi activities of Pastor Karl Friedrich Stellbrink)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johannes\\_Prassek](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johannes_Prassek)

**Sunday May 24, 1942**



**Yugoslavia: Zagreb**

Archbishop Aloysius Viktor Stepinac (aged 44, wrote in a diocesan letter "All men and all races are children of God; all without distinction. Those who are Gypsies, Black, European, or Aryan all have the same rights...for this reason, the Catholic Church had always condemned, and continues to condemn, all injustice and all violence committed in the name of theories of class, race, or nationality. It is not permissible to persecute Gypsies or Jews because they are thought to be an inferior race")

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aloysius\\_Stepinac](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aloysius_Stepinac)

**Monday May 25, 1942**



**Austria: Hartheim euthanasia center, Alkoven, Eferding**

Fr Joseph Benedict Stoffels (aged 47, arrested by the Gestapo in [Paris, France](#) on [March 7, 1941](#) for aiding refugees, sent to Buchenwald concentration camp; transferred to Dachau concentration camp on [September 21, 1941](#); **UPDATE: gassed**)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Luxembourg.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Luxembourg.htm)

[http://www.scj.org/scj\\_homp/we-scj/martyers\\_wampach\\_stoffel\\_20012001.html#e](http://www.scj.org/scj_homp/we-scj/martyers_wampach_stoffel_20012001.html#e)

**Tuesday May 26, 1942**



**Austria: Hartheim euthanasia center, Alkhoven**

Archbishop Jan Maria Michal Kowalski (Polish citizen, husband of Izabela Wilucka, **gassed**)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jan\\_Maria\\_Micha%C5%82\\_Kowalski](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jan_Maria_Micha%C5%82_Kowalski)

**Wednesday May 27, 1942**



**Austria: Vienna**

Grete Forst (aged 63, convert, opera singer, placed on a transport to the Maly Trostenets concentration camp)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grete\\_Forst](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grete_Forst)

**Thursday May 28, 1942**



**Czech Republic**

Fr Stepan Trochta SDB (aged 37, arrested by the Gestapo in 1940, released for lack of evidence;

**UPDATE:** arrested, sent to Terezin, Mauthausen and Dachau concentration camps)

[https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C5%A0t%C4%9Bp%C3%A1n\\_Trochta](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C5%A0t%C4%9Bp%C3%A1n_Trochta) - with translation



**Austria: Paternion**

Fr Anton Koperek (aged 40, arrested for ministering to Polish slave laborers)

[http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE\\_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fhirschen.wordpress.com%2f2009%2f01%2f02%2fanton-koperek-der-pfarrer-in-der-kreuzen-bei-paternion%2f](http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fhirschen.wordpress.com%2f2009%2f01%2f02%2fanton-koperek-der-pfarrer-in-der-kreuzen-bei-paternion%2f)

**May 1942, date unknown**

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**Russia: Belbaltlag labor camp**

Fr Adolf Kucharski (arrested by the Soviets in [Poland](#) in the autumn of 1939, sent to a camp;

**UPDATE:** not amnestied, fate unknown)

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