

Today's Martyrs – June 1945

Saturday June 2, 1945



Austria – Allied Control Council: Linz

Fr Lucien Louis Bunel OCD (aged 45, arrested on [January 15, 1944](#) along with three Jewish students he had been harboring at his boarding school in [Avon, Seine-et-Marne, France](#), sent to [Mauthansen-Gusen Concentration Camp](#), later managed to stay at Mauthansen despite the harsher conditions there and minister to his fellow prisoners when all other priest inmates were sent to Dachau; **UPDATE: died of tuberculosis**)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/P%C3%A8re_Jacques

Thursday June 7, 1945



Ukraine: Lviv

Fr Stanislaw Bizun (aged 39, arrested on [January 4, 1945](#); **UPDATE: released**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0128>



Czechoslovakia: Bitozeves, Louny

Fr Josef Hilbert OFM Cap (aged 57, **killed**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Czech2.htm

Tuesday June 12, 1945



Ukraine: Chernivtsi

Fr Wendelin Jaworka SJ (aged 63, Slovak national, arrested on espionage charges, resisted interrogations)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1576>

Saturday June 16, 1945



Czechoslovakia: Peklo, Nove Mesto nad Metují, Nachod

Fr Anton Ruhrich (aged 42, **killed**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Czech2.htm

Monday June 18, 1945



Poland: Chroscice, Dobrzen Wielki

Fr Franz Zimolong OFM (aged 56, **killed** while protecting women from rape)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/defense_of_women.htm



Croatia: Dubrovnik

Fr Nedjelko Barac OP (aged 32, arrested on [March 18, 1945](#) for publishing an anti-communist dissertation; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Serbia: Arandelovac

Metropolitan Joanikije Lipovac (aged 55, captured by partisans on [May 12, 1945](#) near [Celje, Slovenia](#); **UPDATE**: **executed**)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joanikije_Lipovac
https://hr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dominik_Bara%C4%8D - with translation

Tuesday June 19, 1945



Poland: Puck

Antanas Sapalas (aged 31, Lithuanian national, **killed**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Lithuania1.htm

Monday June 25, 1945



Poland: Orneta

Sr Mary Abraham CSC (aged 31, German citizen, hospitalized with tuberculosis, beaten and **shot dead** by Soviet soldiers for resisting rape)

<http://www.swzygmunt.knc.pl/MARTYROLOGIUM/POLISHRELIGIOUS/vENGLISH/HTMs/POLISHRELIGIOUSmartyr0001.htm>

Tuesday June 26, 1945



Ukraine: Lviv

Fr Stanislaw Bizun (aged 39, arrested on **January 4, 1945**; released on **June 7, 1945**; **UPDATE**: emigrated to Krakow, Poland)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0128>

Friday June 29, 1945



Croatia: Zagreb

Metropolitan Germogen aka Georgy Ivanovich Maximov (aged 84, found guilty of collaboration with the Ustashe government, sentenced to death)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germogen_\(Maximov\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germogen_(Maximov))

Saturday June 30, 1945



Croatia: Zagreb

Metropolitan Germogen aka Georgy Ivanovich Maximov (aged 84, found guilty of collaboration with the Ustashe government, sentenced to death; **UPDATE: shot dead** by firing squad)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germogen_\(Maximov\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germogen_(Maximov))

June 1945, date unknown



Japan: Nagasaki

Dr Paul Takashi Nagai (aged 37, convert, husband of Marina Nagai Midori, father of Makoto aged 10 and Kayano aged 3, radiologist, **UPDATE: diagnosed with leukemia resulting from occupational radiation exposure, given 1-3 years to live**)

Marina Nagai Midori (wife of Dr Paul Takashi Nagai, descendant of Kakure Kirishitans [hidden Christians], when told of his terminal illness said “Whether you live or die, it is for God’s glory”)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Takashi_Nagai

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL25893117M/A_Song_for_Nagasaki



Albania

Fr Anton Harapi OFM (aged 57, arrested on [June 6 or 8, 1945](#))

https://sq.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anton_Harapi - with translation