

Today's Martyrs – September 1945

Saturday September 8, 1945



Czechoslovakia: Bratislava

Bishop John Vojtassak (aged 67, arrested on [May 5, 1945](#) for having served in the wartime Slovak government; **UPDATE**: released)

https://sk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ján_Vojtaššák - with translation

Thursday September 13, 1945



Russia: Moscow

Fr Pietro Leoni SJ (aged 36, Italian citizen, arrested on [April 29, 1945](#) in [Odessa, Ukraine](#); transferred to [Lefortovo Prison in Moscow](#) on [July 13, 1945](#); under interrogation on [July 19, 1945](#) said “Inasmuch as I am a religious Catholic, I was and I remain an opponent of Marxism and the political system now existing in the USSR – a system which, according to my convictions, is no different from fascism. I find that there is neither democracy nor freedom of the people in the USSR. The Bolsheviks who are now in power have turned the Russian people into their slaves, using their labor for their own interests”; **UPDATE**: indicted on anti-Soviet agitation charges)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1837>

Monday September 17, 1945



Ukraine: Drohobych

Fr Vitaliy Bairak OSBH (aged 38, arrested by the NKVD)

http://www.stnicholaschurch.ca/content_pages/osbm/art_osbm.martyrs.006.htm

September 1945, date unknown



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Russia: Yagrinlag labor camp, Molotovsk, Arkhangelsk oblast

Fr Andrzej Gladysiewicz (aged 31, arrested in [Volodymyr-Volynskyi, Ukraine](#) on [January 4, 1945](#); sentenced on [March 28, 1945](#) to 7 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE:** transferred to Norillag)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0840>



Poland

Bishop Josaphat Joseph Kotsylovsky OSBM (aged 69, arrested by Polish Communists, released)

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

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