

## Today's Martyrs –1947 – month unknown



### Japan: Nagasaki

Dr Paul Takashi Nagai (aged 39, convert, widower of Marina Nagai Midori, father of Makoto and Kayano, radiologist, diagnosed in [June 1945](#) with leukemia resulting from occupational radiation exposure, given three years to live; on [August 6, 1945](#) recalled his [December 8, 1941](#) presentment of the destruction of Nagasaki, sent his children to the country with his mother in law; survived the [August 9, 1945](#) nuclear attack with a serious head injury, began to die in [September](#); head injury miraculously cured on [October 5, 1945](#) through intercessory prayer; spoke to the people gathered for a [November 23, 1945](#) Mass in front of the ruins of Urakami Cathedral on the subject of Christian sacrifice; **UPDATE:** bedridden from illness, moved into a hermitage built at Ground Zero called Nyokodo [As Yourself Hall, from “Love your neighbor as yourself”], continued his life of prayer, writing, and contemplation)

### Japan: Tokyo

Chiune Sugihara (aged 47, convert, diplomat, **UPDATE:** asked to resign from the diplomatic service at least in part due to his issuance of the 6,000 visas in [July and August 1940](#) that allowed 10,000 Jews entry to Japan while he was stationed in [Lithuania](#))

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chiune\\_Sugihara](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chiune_Sugihara)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Takashi\\_Nagai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Takashi_Nagai)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL25893117M/A\\_Song\\_for\\_Nagasaki](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL25893117M/A_Song_for_Nagasaki)



### Russia

Fr Volodymyr Figol (aged 36, arrested on [July 26, 1945](#) in [Lviv, Ukraine](#); sentenced on [May 11, 1946](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE:** appeal denied in Moscow on March 18, 1947, sent to Norlag labor camp in the summer of 1947, later transferred to Gorlag labor camp in the early 1950's, fate unknown)

### Russia: Kungur village, Perm oblast

Fr Kuksha aka Kosma Velichko (aged 72, arrested in [Ukraine](#) in [1938](#), sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a camp, sent to [Vilma camp](#) in [Perm oblast](#); released in [1943](#), sent into internal exile; **UPDATE:** released from internal exile, returned to Ukraine and resumed his ministry)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0961>

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



## Kazakhstan

Sr Raisa Krylevskaya OP (aged 51, arrested in [Kostroma, Russia](#) on [October 9, 1933](#); another prisoner testified on [November 16, 1933](#) “Raisa Ivanovna Krylevskaya was endlessly devoted to Mother Catherine Abrikosova and Bishop [Eugene] Neveu. In her words, she would follow them 'to the firing squad'”; under interrogation in [Moscow](#) on [December 6, 1933](#) said “I have expressed counter-revolutionary views, directed against the policies of the Party and Soviet authority. I stand by my counter-revolutionary views even now. I have not changed them and do not choose to do so. I am a fundamental opponent of the policy being carried out by Soviet power both in the city and in the countryside”; sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [February 19, 1934](#); released from a labor camp in the [Komi ASSR, Russia](#) in [October 1943](#), sent into internal exile; **UPDATE:** released from internal exile in the spring of 1947)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0423>



## Ukraine

Fr Volodymyr Sterniul (aged 30, arrested in, sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Arkangelsk in Russia, worked as a lumberman)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volodymyr\\_Sterniuk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volodymyr_Sterniuk)



## Belarus: Orsha

Fr Alfons Czyzewski SJ (aged 50, arrested, sentenced to possibly 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Karlag labor camp)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1538>



## Lithuania: Vilnius

Adele Dirsyte (aged 38, teacher, former Caritas director, helped hide Jews during the German occupation, arrested on [March 6, 1944](#) in [Vilnius, Lithuania](#) for hiding an escapee from

the Soviets; sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment on [November 11, 1946](#); **UPDATE**: sent to a labor camp at [Chuma](#) in the [summer of 1947](#))

<http://angelorum.lt/en/dievo-tarnai/adele-dirsyte-1909-1955/> - with translation



### **Latvia**

Fr Antoni Juchniewicz MIC (aged 42, **died under uncertain circumstances**, was either arrested and died during interrogation or was secretly murdered)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1583>



### **Albania**

Fr Luigj Prendushi (aged 51, arrested on [December 5, 1946](#); **UPDATE**: **shot dead**)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martyrs\\_of\\_Albania](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martyrs_of_Albania)



### **Slovenia: Ljubljana**

Fr Anton Strie (aged 32, jailed for 3 months' in [Ljubljana](#) in [1945](#); **UPDATE**: imprisoned)

[https://sl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anton\\_Strle](https://sl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anton_Strle) - with translation



### **Poland: Wola Korybutowa**

Fr Franciszek Kozera OCD (aged 39, arrested by the Soviets, sentenced to imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to the Kengirsk sector of Steplag in Kazakhstan)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1056>