Today's Martyrs – May 1954

Sunday May 16, 1954

Kazakhstan: Steplag labor camp [Kengir sector], Dzhezkazgan, Karaganda oblast

Fr Anton Kuyava (aged 46, arrested in Jazno, Belarus on February 17, 1949, accused of anti-Soviet activities, tortured with sleep deprivation; sentenced in Dzisna, Belarus to 25 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on May 21, 1949; sent to Steplag on July 25 1949, arrived seriously ill; began to show signs of active tuberculosis in March 1952; sentenced to solitary confinement for not wearing camp clothes on or about March 7, 1953 - most likely to identify himself as a priest; sentenced to solitary confinement on February 13, 1954 for 3 months for participating in a work slowdown; **UPDATE**: joined with other clergy of all denominations to support a camp uprising which lasted 40 days, the uprising was suppressed by army tanks, artillery, and machine guns which killed "dozens and dozens" and seriously wounded four hundred, blessed the weddings of inmates and buried the dead during the uprising, afterward was sentenced to solitary confinement but was then transferred to the infirmary due to the "drastic" worsening of his tuberculosis)

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May 1954, date unknown

Czechoslovakia

Fr Vojtech Basovnik SDB (aged 41, placed under house arrest in April 1950; sentenced on September 24, 1953 to four years' imprisonment; **UPDATE**: sent to the Rtyne v Podkrkonosí, Tmavak prison camp, worked in coal and uranium mines)

https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vojt%C4%9Bch_Basovn%C3%ADk - with translation
http://www.ustrcr.cz/cs/basovnik-vojtech - with translation