

Today's Martyrs – May 1955

Sunday May 1, 1955



Russia: Tayushetlag labor camp, outside Irkutsk

Fr Peter Bartoszewicz (aged 41, arrested in [Polatsk, Belarus](#) on [October 13, 1948](#), sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: released)

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Kazakhstan: Peschanlag labor camp, Ekibastuz, Karaganda oblast

Fr Erazm Filek OCD (aged 48, arrested in [1949](#) in [Stary Miadzel, outside Maladzyechna, Belarus](#), sentenced on [July 21, 1949](#) to 25 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: released, returned to Stary Miadzel)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0962>

Saturday May 7, 1955



North Vietnam

Br Gioakim Nguyen Tan Van CSSR (aged 27, arrested, later sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment at hard labor)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joan_B%C4%83lan

Monday May 16, 1955



Russia: Vorkutlag labor camp

Fr Faustin Lisicki (aged 52, arrested in [Zhytomyr, Ukraine](#) on [February 25, 1946](#); sentenced on [August 1, 1946](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; arrived at [Vorkutlag](#) on [November 3, 1947](#); **UPDATE**: transferred to Intlag)

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Tuesday May 17, 1955



Austria - Allied Control Council: Vienna

Fr Pietro Leoni SJ (aged 46, Italian citizen, arrested on [April 29, 1945](#) in [Odessa, Ukraine](#); transferred to [Lefortovo Prison in Moscow](#) on [July 13, 1945](#); indicted on anti-Soviet agitation charges on [September 13, 1945](#); sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [November 12, 1945](#); transferred to [Butyrka Prison](#) on [November 24, 1945](#); transferred to [Temlag](#) on [December 12, 1945](#); arrested on [June 15, 1947](#) on false charges of preparing an armed uprising in the camp; sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [August 29, 1947](#); transferred to [Dubravlag](#) on [September 8, 1947](#); transferred to [Rechlag](#) on [October 8, 1948](#); broke his collarbone in [December 1948](#), hospitalized, later put into solitary for 'open incitement of convicts against the Soviet regime'; sentence reduced to seven years on [April 25, 1955](#) under pressure from the Italian government, soon released; **UPDATE**: released to Italian diplomats)

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Sunday May 22, 1955



Russia: Kitoylag labor camp

Fr Adam Garbaczyk (aged 50, sentenced in [Przemysl, Ukraine](#) on [October 13, 1950](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: released)

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