

Today's Martyrs – September 1955

Tuesday September 6, 1955



Turkey: Istanbul

The Septemvriana, a government instigated two day pogrom which killed at least 37 Christians, severely wounded 32, and resulted in 200-2,000 rapes of men and women and several forced circumcisions - an Armenian priest died from circumcision, and destroyed or damaged 5,317 properties, the government organizers were arrested in 1960, tried, and executed

Alexandros Iatropoulos (teacher, **beaten to death**)

Asemenia Parantonopoulos (raped, **died**)

Avakoum Ipekci (**died from fright**)

Avraam Anavas (**killed** in a store)

Fr Chrysanthos Mantas (aged 90, **burned to death**, body thrown down a well)

Despoina Isaakidou (aged 8, threatened with rape along with her mother, rescued by a neighbor, 2 year old brother was so traumatized he had to live with an aunt)

Emmanuel Tzanetes (**killed**)

Br Euangelos Mastorakes (novice, beaten, hospitalized)

Eve Yolma (aged 16, dragged from the Working Girl's Hostel, raped, **murdered**)

Metropolitan Gennadios (beaten, later **died of his injuries**)

George (aged about 65, **died of fright**)

George Erpazoglu (church sexton, **killed** when his church was dynamited)

George Korpovas (**killed**)

Bishop Gerasimos (beaten, hospitalized, later **died of his injuries**)

Giannes Balkes (**found dead** on a street)

Ioannes Pouloupoulos (Greek citizen, beaten, stripped, robbed)

Isaak Uludag (educator, **burned alive** in his school)

Konstatinos Chatzopoulos (father of Member of Parliament Alexandros Chatzopoulos, beaten in his home, **died** soon after, wife also **killed**)

Koutsou (widow, gang raped in the street, left out all night groaning and bleeding, hospitalized, went insane)

Nikolas Karamanoglu (**killed**)
Olga Kimiadou (**beaten to death**)
Fr Sokrates Papanikolas (severely beaten)
Thanases Misiroglou (**killed** in his store)
Theopoula Papadoppulou (raped, **murdered**)
Zenovia Charitonides (raped, **died**)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Istanbul_pogrom
https://openlibrary.org/books/OL25872110M/The_Mechanism_of_Catastrophe
<http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1206&context=gsp>

Thursday September 8, 1955



China: Beijing

Bishop Ignatius Kung Pin-Mei (aged 54, arrested along with several hundred priests and lay leaders for counter-revolutionary activities)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ignatius_Kung_Pin-Mei

Tuesday September 13, 1955



Russia: Vorkuta

Fr Michal Drabik (aged 41, arrested in [Sambor, Ukraine](#) on [January 12, 1945](#); sentenced on [July 17, 1947](#) in [Drohobych, Ukraine](#) to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; released from [Vorkutlag labor camp](#) on [January 12, 1953](#) but denied the right to leave - effectively sentenced to internal exile, settled in [Vorkuta](#); **UPDATE**: released from internal exile, emigrated to Poland)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0931>

Friday September 23, 1955



Ukraine: Rivne Prison

Fr Adam Czubek (aged 69, sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [October 10, 1950](#); **UPDATE**: released)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1534>

Wednesday September 28, 1955



Russia: Khabarovsk

Adele Dirsyte (aged 46, 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](#); sent to a labor camp at [Chuma](#) in the [summer of 1947](#); transferred to a labor camp at [Taishet](#) in the [summer of 1949](#); transferred to a labor camp at [Kolyma](#) in the [winter of 1950](#), then to a camp at [Magadan](#) in the [summer of 1950](#), organized prayer and religious meetings, wrote the *Prayer Book of Girls Exiled in Siberia*, repeatedly beaten and tortured for smuggling the Eucharist to fellow inmates, lost all her teeth; taken to an unknown location in [autumn 1953](#); returned in [April 1954](#) "mentally broken", had been extensively tortured, transferred in [the end of 1954](#) to the section of the camp hospital for the mentally ill, refused to eat food for the 'benefit' of other inmates; **UPDATE**: **died**)

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

Friday September 30, 1955



Russia: Kharkiv oblast

Fr Stanislaw Dziadek (aged 63, arrested in [Drohobych, Ukraine](#) on [July 22, 1950](#); sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp followed by 5 years' internal exile; **UPDATE**: released from a camp)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1828>

September 1955, date unknown



Czechoslovakia

Fr Jaroslav Kvita SDS (aged 40, arrested in [1951](#), sent to a labor camp; **UPDATE**: released)

<http://www.ustrcr.cz/cs/albin-jaroslav-kvita> - with translation