

Today's Martyrs – 1956 – unknown month



China

John Wang Zhongfa (aged 25, seminarian, sentenced to 12 years' forced labor)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Mgr-Peter-Shao-Zhumin-under-guard-in-a-Beijing-hospital-41738.html>



USSR

Fr Alexander Jodovalkis (aged 76, arrested in [Petrograd, Russia](#) at the [end of 1923](#), deported to [Latvia](#); arrested in Riga, Latvia in [1950](#), sentenced to prison camp; **UPDATE**: released, returned to Riga)

Fr Antoni Duliniec (aged 67, arrested in [Segnevichi, Belarus](#) in [1949](#), sentenced to a labor camp, possibly sent to [Siblag labor camp in Russia](#); released from camp in [1954](#), sent into internal exile; **UPDATE**: released from internal exile, returned to Belarus and resumed his ministry)

Fr Justinas Juodaitis (aged 57, arrested in [Telsiai, Lithuania](#) in 1949, sent to [Siberia](#); **UPDATE**: released, returned to Lithuania and resumed his ministry)

Fr Wiktor Kwapinski (aged 73, arrested early in [1941](#) in [Lviv](#), survived the mass shootings in [Kiev Prison in June 1941](#) following the German invasion, returned to [Lviv](#) and resumed his ministry; arrested in [1945](#); sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [March 9, 1946](#); **UPDATE**: released from the camp, later emigrated to Poland)

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Russia

Bishop Nikolay Charnetsky CSSR (aged 71, arrested in [Lviv, Ukraine](#) on [April 11, 1945](#); sentenced on [March 3, 1946](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp in Siberia; **UPDATE**: released, returned to Lviv but prohibited from ministry)

Russia: State Collective Farm No. 10, Cherepovets, Vologoda oblast

Fr Wladyslaw Kernicki OFM (aged 44, arrested in [Lviv, Ukraine](#) in [July 1944](#), sentenced to possibly 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; transferred to [NKVD GuShosDor Camp No 1, Ryazan oblast](#) on [January 9, 1946](#), worked in road construction, later escaped; recaptured on [July 6, 1947](#), later transferred to State Collective Farm No. 10; **UPDATE:** released, returned to Lviv and secretly resumed his ministry)

Russia: Kargopollag labor camp

Fr Czeslaw Jankowski (aged 50, arrested in [Minaity, Lithuania](#) in [1950](#); **UPDATE:** released, returned to his parish)

Russia: Krasnoyarsk

Fr Juozapas Gustas SDB (aged 52, Lithuanian national, freed from a labor camp, stayed for pastoral work)

Russia: Ozerlag labor camp, Tayshet

Fr Boleslaw Gudejko (aged 62, arrested in [Krupovka, Lida raion, Grodno oblast, Belarus](#) on [January 16, 1951](#); sentenced on [August 25, 1951](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to [Kamyshlag](#); transferred to a factory construction site in [Omsk oblast](#) earlier in [1953](#), then to [Ozerlag](#) on [July 12, 1953](#); **UPDATE:** released, emigrated to Poland)

Russia: Siblrag labor camp

Fr Juozanas Gustas SDB (arrested by the Soviets in [Saldutishkis, Lithuania](#), exact year unknown but [possibly 1944](#), later sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE:** released, returned to Lithuania)

Fr Pranas Kuraitis (aged 69, arrested in [Kaunas, Lithuania](#) possibly in [1945](#); **UPDATE:** released, returned to Lithuania)

Fr Wladyslaw Czyzewski (aged 45, arrested in [Khiniche, Volodymyr, Ukraine](#) in [July 1944](#), sentenced to death, commuted to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE:** released, emigrated to Poland)

Russia: Tayushetlag labor camp, outside Irkutsk, Russia

Fr Jozef Germanowicz MIC (aged 66, arrested with other priests by local communists in [Harbin, China](#), handed over to the Soviet MGB, sent to [Chita Prison in Zabaykalsky Krai](#) in Russia, sentenced to possibly 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE:** released, emigrated to Poland)

Fr Paul Chaleil (aged 43, French national, arrested in [Harbin, China](#) on [December 22, 1948](#) with other priests by local communists, handed over to the Soviet MGB; sentenced on [May 10, 1949](#) in [Chita Prison, Zabaykalsky Krai](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE:** granted an early release, returned to France)

Russia: Vorkuta

Fr Jozef Kuczynski (aged 52, arrested on espionage charges in [Krasyliv, Ukraine](#) on [January 8, 1945](#); sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [May 6, 1946](#), sent to [Sevurallag in Russia](#); transferred to [Vorkutlag](#) in [January 1947](#); released on [October 16,](#)

1954 but denied the right to leave; **UPDATE**: sent into internal exile to Krasnoarmeysk Kazakhstan)

Russia: Vorkutlag labor camp

Fr Feliks Karpinski (aged 45, arrested in [Baruny, Belarus](#) on [November 11, 1944](#) by the Soviets; sentenced on [August 16, 1946](#) in [Vileyka](#) to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; arrived at [Vorkutlag](#) on [September 26, 1947](#); released on [November 10, 1949](#), returned to [Belarus](#); arrested in 1950, sent to [Vorkutlag](#); **UPDATE**: released, returned to Belarus and resumed his ministry)

Russia: Yenisei region, Krasnoyarsk Krai

Fr Jan Kapusta SDB (aged 58, arrested in [Dzyatlava, Poland \[now Belarus\]](#) in 1940, sent to a prison camp; amnestied as a Polish citizen in [February 1942](#); arrested on [August 10, 1942](#) as the Polish Armed Forces of the East was exiting the [USSR](#) into [Iran](#); sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [January 13, 1943](#), sent to [Vorkutlag](#); transferred to [Rechlag](#) in 1948; released on [August 10, 1952](#), sent into internal exile; **UPDATE**: released from exile, left the USSR for Poland)

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Kazakhstan: Akmolinsk oblast

Fr Bronislaw Drzepecki (aged 50, arrested by the Soviets in [Zhytomyr, Ukraine](#) on [January 10, 1945](#); sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [March 6, 1946](#); released from camp on [November 10, 1954](#), kept in internal exile; **UPDATE**: arrested on anti-Soviet activities related to his secret Masses, sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Ozerlag, Chuna, Irkutsk oblast to work as a lumberjack)

Kazakhstan: Karlag labor camp

Fr Stanislaw Ingeliewicz (aged 59, arrested in 1949 in [Nowy Pohost, Lithuania](#), sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: released, returned to his parish)

Kazakhstan: Steplag labor camp

Fr Franciszek Kozera OCD (aged 48, arrested by the Soviets in [Wola Korybutowa, Poland](#) in 1947, sentenced to imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: released, sent into internal exile to Irkutsk)

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Ukraine: Kharkiv

Fr Stanisław Ceszczanowski (aged 55, arrested on [August 13, 1950](#); sentenced on [December 12, 1950](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: released)

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Czechoslovakia: Prague

Bishop Michal Buzalka (aged 71, served 4 months' imprisonment in 1945 for serving as Slovak military vicar during the war; arrested in [Bratislava](#) on [July 12, 1950](#), tortured; sentenced to life imprisonment on [January 12, 1951](#); **UPDATE**: released due to poor health, transferred to a nursing home)

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