

Today's Martyrs – September 1968

Monday September 7, 1968



USSR: Caucasus region

Fr Josaph (“old man”, **beaten to death** by police agents who left him for dead and then attempted to stage a suicide by hanging, suicide by hanging was the official cause of death but he had managed to bend his limbs before he died and rigor mortis had set in before the ‘hanging’ so the evidence contradicted the verdict, the autopsy also contradicted the official verdict)

<http://www.orthodox.net/russiannm/caucasus-mountains-hieromartyrs-martyrs-and-confessors-03-of-03.html>

Sunday September 20, 1968



Russia: Moscow

Augustina Vasilovna Vashchenko (wife of Peter Pavolvich Vashchenko, detained on **June 18, 1968** while attempting to enter the U.S. Embassy, beaten; **UPDATE**: tried for assaulting a police officer, sentenced to three years’ imprisonment in a labor camp)

Natasha Vashchenko (aged 54, sister of Peter Pavolvich Vashchenko, detained while attempting to enter the U.S. Embassy; **UPDATE**: tried for assaulting a police officer, sentenced to three years’ imprisonment in a labor camp)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL4190509M/The_Siberian_Seven

Tuesday September 29, 1968



South Vietnam

Betty Ann Olsen (aged 33, missionary, nurse, U.S. citizen, captured in a [February 1, 1968](#) Communist raid on a leprosarium in [Ban Me Thuot](#); **UPDATE:** [died of neglect and illness](#))

<https://www.cmalliance.org/about/history/in-the-line-of-fire/olsen>

<https://www.pownetwork.org/bios/b/b601.htm>

<http://www.illyria.com/women/vnwlist.html>

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