

## Today's Martyrs – October 1971

**Monday October 4, 1971**



### **Lithuania: Varena**

Fr Algimantas Keina (convicted on [September 28, 1970](#), of violating religious regulations by allowing two minors to serve as altar servers and by stating that a Mass would be offered for the intentions of the children, fined 50 rubles; **UPDATE**: again tried on charges of violating religious regulations by allowing three minors to serve as altar servers, not permitted to explain himself, trial postponed)

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**Thursday October 7, 1971**



### **Lithuania: Varena**

Fr Algimantas Keina (convicted on [September 28, 1970](#), of violating religious regulations by allowing two minors to serve as altar servers and by stating that a Mass would be offered for the intentions of the children, fined 50 rubles; **UPDATE**: trial resumed on charges of violating religious regulations by allowing three minors to serve as altar servers, convicted, fined 50 rubles)

Vytas Kazlauskas (altar server, testified in tears that the vice-chair of the court had coerced his signature on the incriminating affidavit with threats that his school conduct grade would be lowered)

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**Wednesday October 20, 1971**



## **Albania: Fushe**

Fr Shtjefen Kurti (aged 72, fled to Romania after the [October 14, 1929](#) murder of Fr Shtjefen Gjecovi, later returned; arrested in [Tirana](#) on [October 28, 1946](#) for writing a letter to the Vatican that described persecution; released from prison in [Burrel](#) on [May 2, 1963](#); arrested in [1967](#) for preventing thugs from desecrating his church; sentenced to death on [July 31, 1971](#) for having illegally baptized a baby; **UPDATE: shot dead**)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shtjef%C3%ABn\\_Kurti](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shtjef%C3%ABn_Kurti)

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