

Today's Martyrs – April 1972

Sunday April 2, 1972



Lithuania: Vilnius

Fr V Merkys (arborist, expelled from the seminary by government order in 1959, illegally ordained in 1960; **UPDATE**: called to KGB headquarters and promised a parish assignment if he told them who had ordained him)

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Friday April 7, 1972



Lithuania: Adutiskis

Aleksandra Stasiuniene (mother of Julijus, called into her son's school and interrogated about his church attendance, appeared haggard when she left)

Julijus (son of Aleksandra Stasiuniene)

Birute Jukniene (witnessed Aleksandra Stasiuniene leaving her son's school after her interrogation)

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Sunday April 9, 1972



Lithuania: Adutiskis

Aleksandra Stasiuniene (mother of Julijus, called into her son's school on [April 7, 1972](#) and interrogated about his church attendance, appeared haggard when she left; **UPDATE: collapsed and died**)

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Thursday April 13, 1972



Lithuania: Palanga

Sofija Astrauskiene (former Siberian exile, informed by the local government that her family's cemetery monument was to be demolished due to its anti-Soviet inscriptions such as "Save us, Lord")

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Thursday April 20, 1972



Lithuania: Jurbarkas

Fr Viktoras Sauklys MIC (tried for illegal religious instruction to children for allowing them to carry banners and scatter flowers in church, convicted, fined 50 rubles, the church organist was also fined)

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Saturday April 29, 1972



Lithuania: Alytus

Fr Sigitas Tamkevicius SJ (summoned to the district executive committee, lectured about the law, threatened with prosecution)

Fr Matulevicius (witnessed the hearing against Fr Sigitas Tamkevicius)

Fr J. Grigaitis (witnessed the hearing against Fr Sigitas Tamkevicius)

Fr Turcinskas (witnessed the hearing against Fr Sigitas Tamkevicius)

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April 1972, date unknown



Lithuania: Vilnius

Fr S Tamkevicius (called to meet with the procurator's office in **February 1972**, threatened with prosecution for anti-Soviet activities; **UPDATE**: called again to a 'high level warning' at the procurator's office near the end of the month)

Fr Grigaitis (attended the procurator's meeting with Fr S Tamkevicius)

Fr Turcinskas (attended the procurator's meeting with Fr S Tamkevicius)

Fr Matulevicius (attended the procurator's meeting with Fr S Tamkevicius)

Lithuania: Aleksotas, Kaunas

Fr Salcius (retired priest, apartment searched)

Lithuania

Bishop J Steponavicius (appealed to the government to be allowed to perform his ministry, appeal denied)

Lithuania: Astrioji Kirs-na

Lina Galinskaite (secondary school student, seen kneeling in prayer at a neighbor's wake, was criticized the next day in class and threatened with a failing grade in conduct, said "I have knelt and will continue to kneel. I have crossed myself and will continue to cross myself. You won't forbid me this because you have no right to", the teachers then demanded the Young Communists criticize her but they refused and admitted they attended church also)

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