

## Today's Martyrs – May 1973

**Monday May 7, 1973**



### **Lithuania: Vilnius**

Brone Pupkeviciute (candidate for a graduate degree in education and senior fellow, suspected of being a nun, ordered to resign from the Scientific Research Institute of Pedagogy)

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**Sunday May 20, 1973**



### **Lithuania: Siauliai**

Virginijus Ivanovas (detained, interrogated as to his participation in a religious procession to the Hill of Crosses, kept silent, threatened with expulsion from music school, later expelled)

Zenonas Mistautas (fourth year Polytechnical Institute student, detained, interrogated as to his participation in a religious procession to the Hill of Crosses, kept silent, threatened with torture)

Mecislovas Jurevicius (aged 46, detained, interrogated as to his participation in a religious procession to the Hill of Crosses, kept silent, threatened with prison)

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**Wednesday May 23, 1973**



### **Lithuania: Steponiskis**

Ms Rudinee (wife of Julius Rudys, mother of Stasys, questioned at her home in [Steponiskis](#) by officials on [April 6, 1973](#), turned over a religious liberty petition after threatened with a search, ordered to appear at the district KGB office the next day; questioned on [April 7, 1973](#) in [Panevezys](#) as to the organizers of the petition, threatened with loss of her parental rights; **UPDATE**: home searched, religious objects seized, taken to the district KGB office in [Panevezys](#) and threatened with prison and a bad characterization on her daughter's school records)

Julius Rudys (father of Stasys, questioned)

Stasys (aged 11, son of Julius Rudys, questioned)

#### **Lithuania: Siauliai**

Mecislovas Jurevicius (aged 46, detained, interrogated on [May 20, 1973](#) as to his participation in a religious procession to the Hill of Crosses, **UPDATE**: interrogated again, kept silent)

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**Thursday May 24, 1973**



#### **Lithuania: Panevezys**

E Svireliene (mother of Irma Svirelyte, apartment searched, religious literature and items seized, questioned)

Irma Svirelyte (daughter of E Svireliene, present when her mother's apartment was searched, questioned)

#### **Lithuania: Vilnius**

A Terleckas (arrested on false charges of theft of state property)

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**Friday May 25, 1973**



**Lithuania: Druskininkai Sanatorium**

E Svireliene (mother of Irma Svirelyte, personal items searched for religious items)

**Lithuania: Siauliai**

Zenonas Mistautas (fourth year Polytechnical Institute student, detained, interrogated on [May 20, 1973](#) as to his participation in a religious procession to the Hill of Crosses, **UPDATE:** interrogated again, kept silent)

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**Sunday May 27, 1973**



**Lithuania: Rudiskes**

Fr Konstantinas Molis (observed by government agents to catechize fifty children)

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**Monday May 28, 1973**



**Lithuania: Smalinikai**

Petre Klimiene (critically ill, denied Last Rites by the hospital staff)

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**Tuesday May 29, 1973**



**Lithuania: Siauliai**

Mecislovas Jurevicius (aged 46, detained, interrogated on [May 20, 1973](#) and [May 23, 1973](#) as to his participation in a religious procession to the Hill of Crosses, **UPDATE**: interrogated again, kept silent)

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### **May 1973, date unknown**



#### **Lithuania: Miežiskiai**

##### **Parents questioned on their children's church attendance on Palm Sunday**

Ms Gudiene (asked why she did not allow her son to join the Young Communist League, replied "Because I don't see any good examples among the Communists. They are dishonest and liars because they themselves secretly take part in religious rites while slandering others who do so", berated for this response)

Ms Murmokiene (asked if she believed in God, answered that she did and always would)

#### **Lithuania: Vilnius**

Domicile Gailiusyte (French instructor, suspected of being a nun, discharged from her secondary school position)

Elena Sulinauskaite (University of Vilnius History department chief laboratory assistant, suspected of being a nun, discharged)

#### **Lithuania: Surviliskis**

Janina Ivanauskaite (secondary school student, questioned by school authorities on her religious activities, threatened with expulsion)

#### **Lithuania: Pabaiskas, Ukmerge district**

Vale Amankaviciute (secondary school student, publicly told during graduation that her conduct mark had been lowered for attending church)

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