

Today's Martyrs – September 2001

Sunday September 2, 2001



Colombia: Cartago

Fr Hector Fabio Velez (**murdered**, had been tortured)

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/news/martyrs2.htm>

Thursday September 6, 2001



India: Jharkhand

Fr John Baptist Crasta OP (**shot dead** by Maoist guerrillas)

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Tuesday September 11, 2001



United States – New York: New York City

Al-Qaeda terrorists destroy the World Trade Center with two hijacked airliners, killing 2,753

Alfredo Fuentes (Fire Captain, severely injured by World Trade Center falling debris, hospitalized, survived)

Fr Francis Edward Grogan (aged 76, passenger aboard United Airlines Flight 175, **killed** when his airliner crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center)

Fr John Romas (husband of Lorraine Romas, St Nicholas church destroyed by the collapse of the South Tower of the World Trade Center, relics of saints donated by Tsar Nicholas II were destroyed)

Fr Mychal Judge OFM (aged 68, Fire Department chaplain, **killed** by the collapse of the South Tower of the World Trade Center)

Thomas Colucci (Fire Captain, mildly injured by World Trade Center falling debris, later became a priest)

Vassilios "Bill" Torazanos (aged 50, rushed out of St Nicholas church after the first aircraft hit the World Trade Center, saw landing gear and human remains around and atop the church)

United States - Pennsylvania: Shanksville

Al-Qaeda terrorists deliberately crash a hijacked airliner to prevent its recapture by the passengers, killing 40

Fr Joe McCaffrey (FBI chaplain, consecrated the ground of the crash site, ignored a government request that no mention of God be made at a memorial service held days later)

Todd Beamer (**killed**)

Thomas Burnett Jr (**killed**)

United States – Virginia: Arlington

Al-Qaeda terrorists damage the Pentagon with a hijacked airliner, killing 184

Fr Steve McGraw (witnessed the impact of American Flight 77 into the Pentagon while stuck in traffic, abandoned his vehicle and ministered to the victims)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mychal_Judge

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Nicholas_Greek_Orthodox_Church

<http://the-american-catholic.com/2016/09/11/unforgettable-flight-93-4/>

http://www.fathersforgood.org/ffg/en/real_fathers/rescuer.html

<http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/news/525119/posts>

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/ground-zero-memories-from-priests-who-went-to-battle-on-9-11/>

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Thursday September 13, 2001



Afghanistan: Kabul

The Taliban arrested two aid workers on [August 3, 2001](#) for spreading Christianity; **UPDATE:**
trial suspended due to pending U.S. military action against the country

Dayna Curry (aged 29, U.S. citizen)

Heather Mercer (aged 24, U.S. citizen)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dayna_Curry

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heather_Mercer

Wednesday September 19, 2001



Colombia: Tumaco, Narino

Sr Yolanda Ceron Delgado ODN (aged 43, **shot dead**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Colombia.htm

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