

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – November 2009

Sunday November 8, 2009



Pakistan: Sheikhpura, Punjab province

Aasiya Noreen aka Asia Bibi (wife of Ashiq Masih, mother of five including Sidra and Isham, attacked by five Muslim women outside [Ittan Wali village, Sheikhpura district](#) on [June 14, 2009](#) for having drunk from the same well they used, accused of blasphemy; attacked by a mob [on June 19, 2009](#), severely beaten, arrested without charge and put in jail in Sheikhpura; **UPDATE**: convicted of blasphemy, sentenced to death by hanging)

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

Thursday November 12, 2009



Iraq: Al Tahrir, Mosul

Ramy Khagik Noury (**killed**)

<http://indefenseofchristians.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Genocide-report.pdf>

Wednesday November 18, 2009



Federated States of Micronesia: Yap

Kirsten Elisabeth Wolcott (aged 20, missionary, teacher, U.S. citizen, **stabbed to death** while jogging)

<https://adventist.news/en/news/adventist-student-missionary-murdered-in-yap-micronesia/>



Turkey: Pendik district, Istanbul

David Byle (aged 39, Canadian-U.S. citizen, husband of Ulrike, father of five, arrested on **April 25, 2007**, charged with ‘forceful missionary activity’ and disturbing the peace; released on **April 25, 2007**; charge of ‘forceful missionary activity’ dismissed on **May 8, 2007**; charge of disturbing the peace dismissed on **November 1, 2007**; **UPDATE**: detained along with other street evangelizers, released after giving a written statement about his activities)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2016/04/u-s-evangelist-in-turkey-detained-ordered-to-be-deported/>

Thursday November 19, 2009



Russia: Moscow

Fr Daniel Alexeyevich Sysoev (aged 35, husband of Julia Sysoeva, father of Justina, Angelina, and another daughter, **assassinated** in his church by a masked Islamic militant)

Vladimir Strelbitsky (church regent, shot in the shoulder)

Julia Sysoeva (widow of Fr Daniel Alexeyevich Sysoev, mother of Justina, Angelina, and another daughter, daughter of Angelina, wrote “He has two injuries - in the neck, which didn’t go all the way through, and in the back of the head, which did. It was a fatal shot. I still have his blood-stained pectoral cross - it’s lying in the altar. The whole time I slept 2.5 hours. They were questioning me the whole time - the police, the FSB, and others. There’s a crowd of journalists running after me. I haven’t taken any sedatives, because I need to have a sober head and maintain my composure, weighing every word. Everyone wants to go fish and catch something. The questioning is going to continue for a long time. I can’t get sluggish”)

Justina (aged 6, daughter of Fr Daniel Alexeyevich Sysoev and Julia Sysoeva)

Angelina (daughter of Fr Daniel Alexeyevich Sysoev and Julia Sysoeva)

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

<http://orthochristian.com/108321.html>

<http://orthochristian.com/108362.html>

Thursday November 25, 2009



China

Pastor Wang Xiaoguang (husband of Yang Rongli, arrested near [Taiyuan, Shanxi province](#) for “gathering a mob to disturb public order” after holding a prayer rally on [September 14, 2009](#) following the demolition of a house church; **UPDATE**: sentenced to four years' imprisonment)

Pastor Yang Rongli (wife of Wang Xiaoguang, arrested near [Taiyuan, Shanxi province](#) for “gathering a mob to disturb public order” after holding a prayer rally on [September 14, 2009](#) following the demolition of a house church; **UPDATE**: sentenced to seven years' imprisonment)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2016/10/megachurch-pastor-released-after.html>

November 2009, date unknown