

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – November 1914

Tuesday November 3, 1914

The Ottoman Empire - now Turkey - declared war on Russia

Friday November 13, 1914



Turkey: Qudshanis - now Konak, Hakkari province

Surma Khanum (sister of Patriarch Shimun XXI Benyamin and Shimun XXI Paulos, met a Christian Assyrian woman with a 3 month old baby, the barefoot woman told her "We were just about to go to bed when a section of Turkish soldiers on their way to Djulamerk stopped in our village [Kirmi]. The men wanted to eat. They also ordered us to bring them clothing against the cold such as socks and woolen hats since they were badly equipped. We did this without flinching. While I was preparing the meal I heard a woman from the village cry and a man's voice say, 'I am your servant but do not take my wife.' At this moment my husband came in and shouted, 'Run as fast as you can and hide!' I ran towards the cradle to take my baby and I climbed as far as here. I don't know what happened to the others.")

[Assyrian Church Customs and the Murder of Mar Shimun](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26203910M/Year_of_the_Sword)
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Wednesday November 18, 1914



Austria-Hungary - now Poland: Wal-Ruda, Malopolskie

Karolina Kozka (aged 16, **killed** while resisting rape)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1914.htm>

Sunday November 29, 1914

The Ottoman Empire declared jihad against its Christian population

November 1914, date unknown



Iraq: Mosul

Hormuzd (younger brother of Patriarch Shimun XXI Benyamin, abducted, held in prison as a hostage)

Turkey: Qudshanis - now Konak, Hakkari province

Patriarch Shimun XXI Benyamin (aged 26, told by a German agent that his younger brother Hormuzd had been abducted and would be killed unless he and the Assyrians surrendered to the Ottomans)

Turkey: Sooshehir

Bishop Sahag Odabashian (**shot dead** and dismembered by Chete horsemen - units of released criminals created by the government for genocidal purposes – while travelling to his new eparchy assignment)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26219878M/Armenian_Golgotha

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26700159M/Debt_of_Honour