Today's Martyrs

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Events – June 1915

Tuesday June 1, 1915



Syria: Ra's al-'Ayn, Al-Hasakah

Fr Jebrael Manache (aged 42, killed)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new martyrs/chaldean catholics.htm

Friday June 11, 1915



Turkey: Mardin

Fr Yusuf Habib Melki OFM Cap (aged 33, killed)

Turkey: Zerzevan Castle, Cinar, near Diyarbekir

Archbishop Ignatius Maloyan ICPB (aged 46, marched into captivity along with nearly his entire diocese during the Armenian Genocide, when offered to be spared if he converted to Islam said "I've told you I shall live and die for the sake of my faith and religion. I take pride in the Cross of my God and Lord", killed along with his entire diocese)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ignatius Maloyan http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1915.htm

Monday June 21, 1915



Turkey: Siirt

Archbishop Addai Scher (aged 48, beheaded by the Ottomans during the Assyrian Genocide, had managed to help some of his congregation to flee by bribing the governor with gold)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Addai Scher

Wednesday June 30, 1915



Turkey: near Mardin

Sr Sausan Kaka OP (aged 61, order foundress, killed)

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June 1915, date unknown



Iraq: Mosul

Hormuzd (younger brother of Patriarch Shimun XXI Benyamin, abducted in November 1914, held in prison as a hostage; **UPDATE**: reported to have been tortured to death)

Turkey: Qudshanis - now Konak, Hakkari province

Patriarch Shimun XXI Benyamin (aged 27, told by a German agent in November 1914 that his younger brother Hormuzd had been abducted and would be killed unless he and the Assyrians surrendered to the Ottomans; **UPDATE**: received word of his brother Hormuzd's death)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26700159M/Debt of Honour