

Today's Martyrs

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Events – August 1915

Sunday August 1, 1915



Turkey: Diyarbekir

Hagop Chilinguirian (U.S. citizen, husband of Nafina Shekerlemedjian Chilinguirian, father of Zivart and Arshalois, forced into internal deportation, naturalization papers seized, **died** on the deportation march)

Nafina Shekerlemedjian Chilinguirian (aged 25, wife of Hagop Chilinguirian, mother of Zivart and Arshalois, forced into internal deportation)

Zivart (aged 2, daughter of Hagop and Nafina Shekerlemedjian Chilinguirian, sister of Arshalois, forced into internal deportation)

Arshalois (infant daughter of Hagop and Nafina Shekerlemedjian Chilinguirian, sister of Arshalois, forced into internal deportation)

Hagop Shekerlemedjian (aged 75, father of Nafina Shekerlemedjian Chilinguirian, **killed**)

Lucia Shekerlemedjian (aged 50, mother of Nafina Shekerlemedjian Chilinguirian, **killed**)

Dikran Shekerlemedjian (aged 35, brother of Nafina Shekerlemedjian Chilinguirian, **killed**)

Karnig Shekerlemedjian (aged 7, son of Dikran Shekerlemedjian, **killed**)

Harutiun Shekerlemedjian (aged 30, brother of Nafina Shekerlemedjian Chilinguirian, **killed**)

Levon Shekerlemedjian (aged 2, son of Harutiun Shekerlemedjian, **killed**)

Azniv Shekerlemedjian (aged 5, daughter of Harutiun Shekerlemedjian, **killed**)

Hadji Anna Der Hovsepian (aged 28, sister of Nafina Shekerlemedjian Chilinguirian, **killed**)

Arusyag Berberian (aged 25, sister of Nafina Shekerlemedjian Chilinguirian, **killed**)

Gadar Keshishian (aged 55, aunt of Nafina Shekerlemedjian Chilinguirian, **killed**)

https://openlibrary.org/works/OL15863664W/The_Burning_Tigris

Tuesday August 3, 1915



Belgium: Brussels

Edith Louisa Cavell (aged 49, British citizen, nurse, hospital supervisor, saved many soldiers and military age civilians on both sides of the war, arrested by the German Army for aiding the escape of enemy soldiers)

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

Friday August 20, 1915



Turkey: on the road between Cankiri and Kalayjek, near Tiuna

Five Armenian leaders from the capital were killed

Daniel Varoujan (poet, arrested in [Constantinople](#) on [April 24, 1915](#); **UPDATE: killed**)

Dr Rupen Chilingirian (intellectual, arrested in [Constantinople](#) on [April 24, 1915](#); **UPDATE: killed**, had treated and saved the daughter of one of his killers a month earlier)

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

Saturday August 21, 1915



Turkey: Cizre, Sırnak

Bishop Philippe-Jacques Abraham OAO (aged 67, arrested by the Ottomans during the Assyrian Genocide)

Sr Radji Rafoo OP (aged 42, **killed**)

Sr Warda Paulos OP (**killed**)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippe-Jacques_Abraham

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

Saturday August 28, 1915



Turkey: Cizre

Bishop Flavianus Michael Malke (aged 56, arrested by the Ottomans during the Assyrian Genocide, refused to convert to Islam, beaten into unconsciousness)

Bishop Philippe-Jacques Abraham OAO (aged 67, arrested by the Ottomans on [August 21, 1915](#) during the Assyrian Genocide; **UPDATE**: refused to convert to Islam, **shot dead**, body dragged through the streets)

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

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippe-Jacques_Abraham

Sunday August 29, 1915



Turkey: Cizre

Bishop Flavianus Michael Malke (aged 56, arrested by the Ottomans on [August 28, 2015](#) during the Assyrian Genocide, refused to convert to Islam, beaten into unconsciousness; **UPDATE**: **beheaded**)

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

August 1915, date unknown



Turkey: Chamba d-Malik, Olgunlar, Hakkari

Bishop Abraham Shimonaya (aged 53, **killed** at the end of the month)

Turkey: Urfa

Rev F H Leslie (U.S. Consular Agent, husband, father, wrote to the U.S. Consul in Aleppo of the atrocities he had witnessed against thousands of Armenians, begged for another diplomat to be sent "I cannot handle this work nor remain here much longer", soon arrested for aiding Armenians, tortured, committed suicide after a mental breakdown, wife and children rescued by U.S. diplomats)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL24772332M/The_Burning_Tigris
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