

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – March 1918

Sunday March 3, 1918

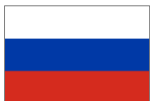


Iran: Salmas

Patriarch Shimun XXI Benyamin (aged 30; **UPDATE: assassinated** along with 150 of his bodyguards by Ottoman forces while under a flag of truce during the Assyrian Genocide)

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

Thursday March 7, 1918



Russia: Ust-Labinsk village, Kuban region

Fr Mikhail Mikhailovich Lisitsin (aged 55, husband, arrested by the Bolsheviks, tortured for three days)

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/103235.htm>

Sunday March 10, 1918



Belarus: Landskorona

Fr Jan Bikszys (aged 48, **murdered** by the Bolsheviks)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0123>

Monday March 11, 1918



Russia: Ust-Labinsk village, Kuban region

Fr Mikhail Mikhailovich Lisitsin (aged 55, husband, arrested by the Bolsheviks on [March 7, 1918](#), tortured for three days; **UPDATE: killed**, the Bolsheviks forbade his burial but his widow was able to purchase his body for burial)

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Saturday March 23, 1918



Iran: Urmia

Mar Shimun XXI Paulos (aged 37, brother of Patriarch Shimun XXI Benyamin, succeeded his brother as Patriarch after his assassination)

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

Saturday March 30, 1918



Portugal: Balazar

Alexandrina Maria da Costa (aged 14, seamstress, jumped from a window to escape rape, suffered paralysis as a result, became bedridden and devoted herself to a life of prayer)

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

Sunday March 31, 1918
Easter [Pascha] – Western Calendar

March 1918, date unknown



Russia: Novgorod

Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky OSBM (aged 52, brother of Archimandrite Klymentiy Sheptytsky, arrested by invading Russian troops in Lviv in September 1914, sent to Russia; **UPDATE**: freed, returned to Lviv, later put under house arrest by invading Poles)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrey_Sheptytsky
<http://www.ukemonde.com/sheptytskyi/index.html>