

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – January 1919

**Sunday January 5, 1919**



### United States - Kansas: Fort Leavenworth

Jacob Wipf (brother in law of Joseph, Michael and David Hofer, conscientious objector, arrested in [Camp Lewis, Washington](#) on [May 28, 1918](#) for refusing to cooperate with his military induction, was later beaten; court-martialed on [June 10, 1918](#), convicted, and sentenced to 37 years' imprisonment; transferred to [Alcatraz Federal Prison in California](#) on [June 27, 1918](#), upon arrival was beaten, starved, subjected to cold and damp, and denied clothing other than military uniforms which he refused, developed eczema and scurvy; transferred to the Army prison at [Fort Leavenworth in Kansas](#) on [November 14, 1918](#); arrived at [Fort Leavenworth](#) on [November 18, 1918](#), forced to run uphill at bayonet point and then to stand naked outdoors in the cold air for 2 hours, subjected to a bread and water diet; **UPDATE:** questioned at a Board of Inquiry, which determined that he had been convicted due to his sincerely held religious beliefs)

<https://martyrstories.org/jacob-wipf/>

<https://theviewfromthisseat.blogspot.com/2014/11/in-memory-of-hutterite-martyrs-of-1918.html>

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26500126M/Pacifists\\_in\\_Chains](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26500126M/Pacifists_in_Chains)

**Tuesday January 14, 1919**



### Estonia: Tartu

Fr Michael Bleive (**executed** by the Bolsheviks)

Fr Nikolai Bezhanitsky (**executed** by the Bolsheviks)

Bishop Platon aka Paul Kulbusch (aged 49, **executed** by the Bolsheviks)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vladimir\\_\(Bogoyavlensky\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vladimir_(Bogoyavlensky))

**Sunday January 19, 1919**



**Turkey: Constantinople [now Istanbul]**

Fr Eleftherios 'Lefteris' Noufrakis (aged 47, Greek Army chaplain, beaten while returning to his ship along with four fellow officers after celebrating an unauthorized Divine Liturgy in the former basilica of Hagia Sophia, later publicly reprimanded but privately thanked by the Greek Prime Minister)

<https://greece.greekreporter.com/2019/09/26/the-brave-greek-priest-who-held-a-divine-liturgy-in-hagia-sophia-in-1919/>

**January 1919, date unknown**