

# Today's Martyrs

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## Events – February 1930

**Sunday February 2, 1930**



### **Russia: Armavir**

Fr Johannes Beilmann (aged 52, arrested in 1923 for leading an illegal meeting of believers, released after two weeks; **UPDATE**: arrested, sent to Butyrka prison in Moscow)

### **Russia: Dehler, Saratov province**

Fr Robert Glassner (aged 45, arrested on counter-revolutionary charges)

### **Russia: Kamyshin**

Catherine Gerlain (aged 45, housekeeper for Fr Alois Kappes, arrested for failing to inform on the activities of Fr Kappes)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0096>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0297>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0841>

**Monday February 3, 1930**



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### **Ukraine: Polonnoye, Shepetovsk, Kamianets-Podilskyi region**

Fr Jozef Bieniecki (aged 60, arrested in 1921 in Kiev, released; **UPDATE**: arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0122>

**Wednesday February 5, 1930**



Y.C.P.P.

**Ukraine: Smotrycz**

Fr Antoni Kurowski (aged 44, arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1070>

**Thursday February 13, 1930**



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**Russia: Moscow**

Fr Gabriel Gur (aged 32, arrested in [Levkievo](#) on [January 8, 1930](#) on anti-Soviet agitation charges; **UPDATE**: convicted, sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment, sent to Ukhtpechlag labor camp, Chibiu, Komi ASSR)

<http://afonit.info/biblioteka/nasledie-russkogo-monastyrya/svyatye-russkie-svyatogortsy-postradavshie-za-khrista-vo-vremya-bogoborcheskikh-gonenij-v-sssr> - with translation

**Wednesday February 19, 1930**



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**Russia: Belbaltlag labor camp**

Fr Johannes Furcht (aged 40, arrested on [October 23, 1928](#) in [Selz, Odessa district, Ukraine](#) on anti-Soviet agitation charges; sentenced on [June 10, 1929](#) to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: **died**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0277>

**Sunday February 23, 1930**



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**Russia: Krasnodar**

Grigory Alagiagian (aged 29, master cheesemaker, arrested for obtaining a false passport for Fr Aloysius Kappes)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0010>

**Tuesday February 25, 1930**



**China: Li-Thau-Tseul**

Fr Callistus Caravarlo SDB (**shot dead** by Bolshevik pirates after attempting to prevent the abduction of three women)

Bishop Luigi Versiglia SDB (**shot dead**, same account)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/remembering-nine-brave-men-martyred-in-china/62106>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luigi\\_Versiglia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luigi_Versiglia)

**Wednesday February 26, 1930**



**Ukraine: Kiev**

Stanislaw Grzegorzewski (aged 25, church organist, underground seminarian, arrested on **May 25, 1929**; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0881>

**February 1930, date unknown**



**Ukraine: Kherson**

Fr Vladimir Klopfer (aged 55, sent to the Pecherski Monastery in [Kiev](#) in [1913](#) to do penance for his 'sympathy toward Catholicism', later converted; wrote a letter on [November 13, 1929](#) protesting “against methods of dragging children into the Pioneer organization and a group of young atheists”; **UPDATE**: arrested on currency charges, soon released, suspected of having become a GPU informer)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1030>