

# Today's Martyrs

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## Events – June 1931

**Friday June 5, 1931**



### **Russia: Moscow**

Fr Peter Sergeevich Petrikov (aged 28, arrested on [April 14, 1931](#) on anti-Soviet and counter-revolutionary charges; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment in a camp, sent to Mariinsky)

[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=869:2709&catid=4:com\\_monnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=869:2709&catid=4:com_monnews&Itemid=1) - with translation

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/106351.html> - with translation

**Saturday June 6, 1931**



### **Russia: Astrakhan**

Ivan Chaplinsky (aged 56, arrested on [January 31, 1930](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 3 years' internal exile to the Northern Territory, fate unknown)

### **Russia: Butyrka prison, Moscow**

Fr Johannes Beilmann (aged 53, arrested in [1923](#) for leading an illegal meeting of believers, released after two weeks; arrested on [February 2, 1930](#) in [Armavir](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, commuted to 3 years' internal exile)

### **Russia: Moscow**

Peter Gareis (aged 44, brother of Fr Adam Gareis, pharmacist, hid Fr Alois Kappes in his apartment and made him a false passport, arrested in [August 1930](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to possibly 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

### **Russia: Orenburg**

Fr Adam Gareis (aged 44, arrested on [January 21, 1930](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, commuted to internal exile, sent to Tambov)

**Russia: Saratov**

Elena Befort (aged 33, teacher, resigned in [1918](#) rather than teach Marxism, became a city health department lab technician; arrested as a counter-revolutionary on [January 30, 1931](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to 3 years' internal exile in the Northern Territory)

**Russia: Volga German ASSR**

Fr Georg Baier (aged 60, arrested on [April 29, 1930](#) in the [Volga German ASSR](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to three years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sentenced commuted to internal exile in Siberia)

**Russia: Yaroslavl Prison**

Fr Robert Glassner (aged 46, arrested in [Dehler, Saratov province](#) on [February 2, 1930](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Karlag in Kazakhstan)

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**Friday June 12, 1931**



**Russia: Irkutsk**

Fr Wiktor Krywencyk (aged 33, arrested in [Brusyliv, Ukraine](#) in [May 1926](#), sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to [Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp](#); sent into 3 years' internal exile to [Irkutsk](#) in [May 1929](#); **UPDATE**: arrested)

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**Monday June 15, 1931**

Y.C.P.P.

**Ukraine: Kiev**

Iosif Kudanovich (machinist, arrested on [January 31, 1931](#) for having 'suspicious' meetings with his pastor; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 3 years' internal exile, fate unknown)

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**Brazil: Sao Luis, Imarui, Santa Catarina**

Albertina Berkenbrock (aged 12, **killed** while resisting rape)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1931.htm>

**Thursday June 18, 1931**

Y.C.P.P.

**Ukraine: Fastiv**

Feliks Kaczynski (aged 51, railroad conductor, arrested on [December 1, 1930](#) on espionage charges; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 5 years' internal exile, fate unknown)

Pawel Kobylanski (aged 31, railroad station employee, sentenced to 3 years imprisonment in a labor camp, later released)

Wladyslaw Kowalski (aged 48, railroad station fireman, arrested on espionage charges on [March 22, 1931](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sentenced suspended; released)

**Ukraine: Kiev**

Piotr Liszko (aged 29, sugar factory employee, arrested on espionage charges on [March 19, 1931](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to 5 years' internal exile, fate unknown)

Semyon Korzhenevsky (aged 46, pumping station operator, arrested in [Mironovka](#) on [September 15, 1930](#), charged with counter-revolutionary activity; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

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**Monday June 29, 1931**



### **Vatican City**

Pope Pius XI aka Ambrogio Damiano Achille Ratti (aged 74, **UPDATE:** issued the encyclical *Non abbiamo bisogno* [*We do not need*] which condemned fascism as “pagan worship of the State” and a “revolution which snatches the young from the Church and from Jesus Christ, and which inculcates in its own young people hatred, violence and irreverence” following the Italian government’s closure of the Catholic Action and Catholic Youth organizations, also condemned anti-Church propaganda in the Italian media)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Non\\_abbiamo\\_bisogno](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Non_abbiamo_bisogno)

[https://openlibrary.org/works/OL17363352W/The\\_God\\_of\\_the\\_Gulag\\_Volume\\_One](https://openlibrary.org/works/OL17363352W/The_God_of_the_Gulag_Volume_One) - page 169

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### **Russia: Kirensk, Irkutsk oblast**

Fr Bronislaw Dunin-Wasowicz (aged 33, sentenced in [Ukraine](#) on [January 27, 1927](#) to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp after having been rearrested; released, sentenced to 3 years' internal exile in [1929](#); arrested in [March 1931](#); **UPDATE:** transferred to solitary confinement in Irkutsk)

### **Russia: Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp**

Fr Dominik Ivanov-Stolbinsky (aged 48, arrested in [Leningrad](#) on [January 25, 1927](#), charged with 'organization of an illegal seminary, contacts with Jesuits abroad, hiding Polish spies in his apartment'; sentenced on [July 18, 1927](#) to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Solovetsky in [November 1928](#); **UPDATE:** sent to the Onega region of Arkhangelsk oblast)

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