

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – 1932 – unknown month



### Russia: Ruch village, Komi region

Fr Nikolai Perebatinsky (widower of Lydia, father of Alex, arrested, convicted of counter-revolutionary activities, later **died** in Ukhtchichlag)

### Russia: Anzer Island

Fr Boleslaw Jurewicz (aged 45, arrested in [Leningrad](#) on [August 15, 1929](#); sentenced on [September 13, 1930](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a concentration camp; arrived at [Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp](#) on [October 6, 1930](#), later transferred to [Anzer Island](#); **UPDATE**: arrested, charged with 'creation of an anti-Soviet group, carrying out anti-Soviet agitation, secretly celebrating liturgical and religious rites and maintaining an illegal contact with a free worker for purposes of transmitting abroad information of an espionage nature about the situation of Catholics in the USSR')

Fr Ludwig Erk (aged 36, arrested in [Slavhorod](#) on [September 8, 1929](#); convicted on [March 23, 1930](#), sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a camp; **UPDATE**: arrested for 'creation of an anti-Soviet group, carrying out anti-Soviet agitation, secretly celebrating liturgical and religious rites and maintaining an illegal contact with a free worker for purposes of transmitting abroad information', sentenced to one year of solitary confinement)

Fr Stepan Eroian (aged 35, arrested on [November 26, 1929](#) in [Tiflis, Georgia](#); convicted on [August 3, 1930](#), sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a camp; arrived at [Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp](#) on [August 15, 1930](#), later transferred to [Anzer Island](#); **UPDATE**: arrested, charged with 'creation of an anti-Soviet group, carrying out anti-Soviet agitation, secretly celebrating liturgical and religious rites and maintaining an illegal contact with a free worker for purposes of transmitting abroad information', placed in solitary confinement)

### Russia: Karelia-Murmansk labor camp

Fr Gabriel Vladimirov (aged 59, sentenced on [August 3, 1930](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: sent into internal exile in Kazakhstan in the autumn of 1932)

### Russia: Leningrad

Fr Sergius aka Edward Sievers (aged 32, taken from the [Savvo-Krypetskiy Monastery](#) on or about [October 14, 1919](#) by Bolsheviks and shot, left for dead, recovered; ordained on [January 19, 1925](#); **UPDATE**: arrested, sent to [Svirilag](#) and then to a camp in [Uzbekistan](#), drowned in the Fergana Canal but survived)

**Russia: Leshukonskoye, Arkhangelsk region**

Fr Vsevolod Smirnov (aged 58, husband, arrested in [Dermencovo village, Volokolamsk](#) on [October 19, 1929](#); sentenced in [Moscow](#) to 3 years' internal exile on [November 18, 1929](#); **UPDATE**: released, settled in Dermencovo)

**Russia: Moscow**

Fr Anton Gapoian (possibly arrested in [1929](#), held in [Butyrka Prison](#); released in [1931](#); **UPDATE**: sent either to a camp or into internal exile)

**Russia: Narym, Tomsk region**

Viktor Gotovtsev (aged 55, arrested in [Moscow](#) on [November 12, 1923](#); sentenced on [May 19, 1924](#) to 8 years' imprisonment, sent to [Chelyabinsk Prison](#), held in solitary confinement; released in [1929](#), sent into internal exile; **UPDATE**: released from internal exile, fate after 1936 unknown)

**Russia: Novosokolniki**

Fr Antoni Germanowicz (arrested, sentenced to prison camp, fate unknown)

**Russia: Rosental, Taurida province, Crimea**

Joseph Kolsch (aged 33, husband, father of four, farmer, father sent into internal exile in [1928](#); **UPDATE**: forced to join a collective farm)

Wendelin Eisenbraun (aged 37, father of eight children, farmer, lost his farm due to 'back-breaking' taxes, forced to join a collective farm)

**Russia: Samara oblast**

Fr Johannes Falkenstein (aged 46, arrested in [1931](#) in [Josefstal, Mariental region, Samara oblast](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Sibltag)

**Russia: Vladivostok**

Fr Jerzy Jurkiewicz (aged 45, arrested in [1930](#), sentenced to a prison camp; **UPDATE**: sent to Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp)

**Russia: Vologda region**

Fr Vasily Arkhangel (aged 68, husband, father of four, arrested in [Komjakino village](#) on [September 3, 1929](#), sent to [Moscow](#); sentenced to 3 years' internal exile on [November 23, 1929](#), sent to [Barabinsk](#) and then to the [Vologda region](#); **UPDATE**: released from exile, prohibited from living near Moscow)

**Russia: Yaroslavl**

Fr Jozef Bieniecki (aged 62, arrested in [Polonnoye, Shepetovsk, Kamianets-Podilskyi region](#) on [February 3, 1930](#); sentenced in [Kiev, Ukraine](#) on [May 13, 1930](#) to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: transferred to Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp)

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#### **Ukraine: Karlsruhe, near Odessa**

Fr Joseph Krushinski (aged 67, arrested, sent into 3 years' internal exile to Almaty oblast, Kazakhstan)

#### **Ukraine: Korostyszew**

Fr Zygmunt Klemczynski (aged 41, investigated in [December 1921](#) for counter-revolutionary activities, not convicted; investigated in [Rakhmanovka](#) in [1924](#) for counter-revolutionary activities, not convicted; **UPDATE**: tried for counter-revolutionary activities, released for lack of evidence)

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#### **Belarus: Nevel, Vitebsk region**

Fr Antoni Jarmolowicz (aged 35, arrested in [Minsk](#) in [1919](#) as a hostage, released after a prisoner exchange with Poland; arrested in [January 1921](#), soon released; **UPDATE**: arrested)

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