

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – January 1938

### Monday January 3, 1938



#### Russia: Orel

Fr Aleksander Kuczynski (aged 76, arrested in [Novohrad-Volynskiy, Ukraine](#), in 1923, sent into internal exile for 3 years; released from exile in 1925; arrested in [Zhytomyr, Ukraine](#) on [January 27, 1930](#); sentenced to 5 years' internal exile on [May 4, 1930](#); arrested on [August 20, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death and **shot dead** in Orel Prison)

#### Russia: Tomsk

Fr Philipp Haufmann (aged 61, deprived of his voting rights in 1922 in [Odessa](#); arrested in [Josefstal](#) on [April 22, 1935](#); sentenced in [Odessa Prison](#) on [August 28, 1935](#) to 3 years' internal exile; arrested in [December 1937](#) and sentenced to death; **UPDATE**: **shot dead**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0424>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1701>

### Tuesday January 4, 1938



#### Russia: Arkangelsk

Fr Stanislaw Borecki (aged 47, released from the labor camp in the beginning of 1935, sentenced to 3 years' internal exile; arrested on [November 23, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

#### Russia: Krasnoyarsk prison

Fr Heronim Cerpento (aged 50, arrested on [June 2, 1935](#) on espionage and counter-revolutionary charges; sentenced on [June 24, 1936](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death for counter-revolutionary activity)

#### Russia: Siberia

Fr Bronislaw Dunin-Wasowicz (aged 40, arrested on [March 31, 1936](#) for allegedly supporting the Polish Military Organization; sentenced in Novosibirsk Prison on [June 24, 1936](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; released in [August 1936](#) due to illness with tuberculosis, went to Zhytomyr, Ukraine for treatment, two weeks later forced to return to Siberia; arrested in [August 1937](#) for allegedly supporting the Polish Military Organization; **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

**Russia: Ukhtpechlag labor camp, Chibiu, Komi ASSR**

Vera Kruszelnicka (aged 23, niece of Camilla Kruszelnicka, investigated in [Moscow](#) in [1933](#) due to her friendship with the son of Marshal Voroshilov; sentenced on [February 19, 1934](#) to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to [Bamlag](#); transferred to [Ukhtpechlag](#) in [February 1935](#); arrested on [December 19, 1937](#) on anti-Soviet and terrorist charges; **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0146>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0422>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0901>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0940>



**Ukraine: Kiev**

Nikolay Karabin (aged 49, arrested on [July 28, 1935](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; released from [Kiev Prison](#) on [December 20, 1935](#); **UPDATE:** arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0992>

**Friday January 7, 1938**



**Ukraine: Kiev**

Wiktor Buczynski (aged 28, collective farm worker in [Prutovka, Volynia province](#), hid camp escapee Fr Andronik Rudenko in his barn 'for a long time', arrested on [December 15, 1937](#), did not betray Fr Rudenko; **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0178>

**Sunday January 9, 1938**



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**Russia**

Antonia (sister of Bishop Peter Arsenjevitch Bryansk, **shot dead**)

[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=914:-22-&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=914:-22-&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation

**Tuesday January 11, 1938**



**Germany: Berlin**

**Thirty leaders of the Confessing Church were arrested at a meeting, taken to Gestapo headquarters, interrogated for 7 hours, released**

Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer (aged 31, arrested, interrogated, released, banned from Berlin, sent to Stettin, banning order later partially rescinded)

Fritz Onnasch (arrested, interrogated, released, sent to Stettin)

<https://openlibrary.org/books/OL25892903M/Bonhoeffer>

**Wednesday January 12, 1938**



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**Ukraine: Kiev**

Leonard Belsky (aged 65, arrested on [December 14, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death, date of execution unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0106>

**Thursday January 13, 1938**



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**Russia: Arkangelsk**

Fr Stanislaw Borecki (aged 47, released from the labor camp in the beginning of 1935, sentenced to 3 years' internal exile; arrested on [November 23, 1937](#); sentenced to death on [January 4, 1938](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

**Russia: Novosibirsk**

Fr Georg Baier (aged 67, sentenced on [April 20, 1935](#) in [Markstadt](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; sentenced to death on [December 25, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0052>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0146>

**Friday January 14, 1938**



УРСР

**Ukraine: Kiev**

Josif Girny (aged 45, water works employee, arrested on [January 31, 1933](#), later released; arrested on [November 17, 1937](#) on charges that included he 'often attended church, was in close contact with the priests'; sentenced on [December 14, 1937](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE: sent to a camp, fate unknown**)

Wiktor Buczynski (aged 28, collective farm worker in [Prutovka, Volynia province](#), hid camp escapee Fr Andronik Rudenko in his barn 'for a long time', arrested on [December 15, 1937](#), did not betray Fr Rudenko; sentenced to death on [January 7, 1938](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0178>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0837>



**Spain: Velez-Rubio, Almeria**

Fr Francisco Martinez Garrido (aged 71, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC42.htm>

**Saturday January 15, 1938**

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**Russia: Siblrag labor camp**

Anastasius Golembiowski (aged 56, arrested in [Vinnytsia oblast, Ukraine](#) on [January 12, 1935](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; sentenced on [April 23, 1936](#) to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; sent to [Siblrag labor camp](#) on [August 28, 1936](#); **UPDATE:** released, sent into internal exile, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0854>

**Sunday January 16, 1938**

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**Ukraine: Bila Tserkva Prison**

Ivan Fedorowicz (aged 53, mechanic, arrested in [Stavishche, Tarashchan district, Kiev province](#) on [December 16, 1937](#), charged with counter-revolutionary activity; **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0958>

**Monday January 17, 1938**

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**Russia: Leningrad**

Vladimir Nicolayevich Beneshevich (aged 63, Byzantine scholar, arrested on [November 27, 1937](#) on charges of spying for Germany because one of his manuscripts was published there years earlier; **UPDATE:** **executed** along with his brother and twin sons)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vladimir\\_Beneshevich](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vladimir_Beneshevich)

**Tuesday January 18, 1938**

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**Russia: Krasnoyarsk prison**

Fr Heronim Cerpento (aged 50, arrested on [June 2, 1935](#) on espionage and counter-revolutionary charges; sentenced on [June 24, 1936](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; sentenced on [January 4, 1938](#) to death for counter-revolutionary activity; **UPDATE: shot dead**)

**Russia: Siberia**

Fr Bronislaw Dunin-Wasowicz (aged 40, arrested on [March 31, 1936](#) for allegedly supporting the Polish Military Organization; sentenced in [Novosibirsk Prison](#) on [June 24, 1936](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; released in [August 1936](#) due to illness with tuberculosis, went to Zhytomyr, Ukraine for treatment, two weeks later forced to return to Siberia; arrested in [August 1937](#) for allegedly supporting the Polish Military Organization; sentenced to death on [January 4, 1938](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

**Russia: Uspensky**

Fr Andrei Yasenev (aged 70, husband of Lyubov Mihajlovna, father of Constantine, Alex, Serhii, Boris, Dmitry, Alexander and Katenku, home raided by the NKVD, searched and ransacked into the morning)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0901>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0940>

[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=983:2016-03-05-10-20-53&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=983:2016-03-05-10-20-53&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation

**Thursday January 20, 1938**

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**Russia: Degunino**

Fr Ilya Vasilevich (husband, father of a 5 year old daughter, arrested)

**Russia: Yegoryevsk**

Fr Dimitry V Kedrolivanskij (aged 47, husband, father, arrested)

[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=517:2013-12-21-07-51-32&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=517:2013-12-21-07-51-32&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation

[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=805:2015-04-26-19-05-05&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=805:2015-04-26-19-05-05&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation

### Friday January 21, 1938



#### Ukraine: Kiev

Nikolay Karabin (aged 49, arrested on [January 4, 1938](#) on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Karlag in Kazakhstan)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0992>

### Sunday January 23, 1938



#### Russia: Uspensky

Fr Andrei Yasenev (aged 70, husband of Lyubov Mihajlovna, father of Constantine, Alex, Serhii, Boris, Dmitry, Alexander and Katenku, home raided by the NKVD on [January 18, 1938](#), searched and ransacked into the morning; **UPDATE**: arrested, imprisoned, interrogated)

[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=983:2016-03-05-10-20-53&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=983:2016-03-05-10-20-53&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation

### Wednesday January 26, 1938



#### Russia: Moscow

Fr Ilya Vasilevich (husband, father of a 5 year old daughter, arrested in [Degunino](#) on [January 20, 1938](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

**Russia: Vladikavkaz**

Fr Antoni Czerwinski (aged 56, brother of Emelia Czerwinska, arrested on anti-Soviet charges on [January 2, 1936](#); sentenced to death on [November 2, 1937](#); appeal denied in Moscow on [December 7, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: **shot dead**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1531>  
[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=805:2015-04-26-19-05-05&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=805:2015-04-26-19-05-05&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation

**Thursday January 27, 1938**



**China: Nanjing**

Rev James MacCallum (missionary, U.S. citizen, neck slashed by Japanese soldiers when he prevented rapes at Nanking University Hospital)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL7976980M/American\\_Goddess\\_at\\_the\\_Rape\\_of\\_Nanking](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL7976980M/American_Goddess_at_the_Rape_of_Nanking)

**Monday January 31, 1938**



**Russia: Butovo firing range, outside Moscow**

Fr Ilya Vasilevich (husband, father of a 5 year old daughter, arrested in [Degunino](#) on [January 20, 1938](#); sentenced to death in [Moscow](#) on [January 26, 1938](#); **UPDATE**: **shot dead**)

[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=805:2015-04-26-19-05-05&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=805:2015-04-26-19-05-05&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation



**Spain: Totana, Murcia**

Fr Jose Acosta Aleman CM (aged 56, **killed**)



Fr Juan Jose Martinez Romero (aged 47, **killed**)

Fr Pedro Jose Rodriguez Cabrera (aged 33, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC51.htm>

### **January 1938, date unknown**



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#### **Russia**

Yuriy Aleksandrovich Olsuf'ev (aged 69, art historian and restorer, arrested)

[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=734:2014-12-09-18-12-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=734:2014-12-09-18-12-36&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation