

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – May 1938

Monday May 2, 1938



China: Taiyuan, Shanxi

Fr Francesco Ciavaglia OFM (aged 44, Italian citizen, **killed**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/China2.htm

Sunday May 8, 1938



Russia

Stanislaw Bach (aged 38, bookkeeper, church organist, arrested on [April 25, 1931](#) in [Belostok, Tomsk oblast](#), later sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; released in [1934](#), sent on internal exile; arrested on [February 9, 1938](#) in [Tatyanovka, Shegersk, Tomsk region](#), later sentenced to death; **UPDATE: shot dead**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0047>

Wednesday May 11, 1938



Kazakhstan

Catherine Galler (aged 62, widow, arrested in [Kiev, Ukraine](#) on [July 29, 1935](#) for donating money to persecuted Christians and keeping religious literature in her home; sentenced to

3 years' internal exile on [May 14, 1936](#); **UPDATE**: sentence extended another 3 years for 'anti-Soviet agitation')

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0288>



Russia: Magadan Prison

Magdalena Frison (aged 41, niece of Bishop Alexander Frison, worked as his housekeeper and courier to Moscow, arrested in [Simferopol](#) on [October 26, 1935](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; sentenced on [March 17, 1937](#) to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; arrested in [Sevvostoklag labor camp](#) on [April 7, 1938](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0275>

Sunday May 15, 1938



Spain: Riudecols, Tarragona

Joan Montpeo Masip (aged 19, seminarian, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC10.htm>

Tuesday May 17, 1938



China: Shandong province

Fr Alfons Gartner SVD (aged 30, missionary, **shot dead**)

<https://bitterwinter.org/missionary-and-martyr-father-friedrich-huttermann/>

Friday May 20, 1938



Ukraine: Stavishche, Tarashcha district, Kiev province

Frants Brodovsky (aged 37, church organist, arrested, later sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0169>



Spain: Turon, Granada

Jose Perez Fernandez (aged 25, **killed**)

Rafael Garcia Torres (aged 34, **killed**)

Tomas Valera Gonzalez (aged 19, **killed**)

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

Sunday May 22, 1938



Russia: Magadan Prison

Magdalena Frison (aged 41, niece of Bishop Alexander Frison, worked as his housekeeper and courier to Moscow, arrested in [Simferopol](#) on [October 26, 1935](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; sentenced on [March 17, 1937](#) to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; arrested in [Sevvostoklag labor camp](#) on [April 7, 1938](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; sentenced to death on [May 11, 1938](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0275>



Spain: Turon, Granada

Francisco Salinas Sanchez OFM (aged 23, aspirant, **killed**)

Jose Quintas Duran (aged 23, brother of Luis Quintas Duran and Don Mario Duran, medical student, forced to dig his own grave, **buried alive**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC42.htm>
<http://catholicphilly.com/2017/03/news/world-news/gypsy-woman-left-to-die-after-childbirth-among-115-spanish-martyrs/comment-page-1/#comment-61262>

Tuesday May 24, 1938



Austria

Fr Matthias Spanlang (aged 61, arrested for anti-Nazi homilies and newspaper articles)

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fde.wikipedia.org%2fwiki%2fMatthias_Spanlang

Saturday May 28, 1937



Spain: Barcelona

Fr Lluís Berenguer Moratona CM (aged 67, **killed**)

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

Tuesday May 31, 1938



Spain: Turon, Granada

Juan Moya Collado (aged 19, **killed**)

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

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