

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – October 1941

Thursday October 2, 1941



Germany: Dresden

Fr Alois Andritzki (aged 27, arrested by the Gestapo on [January 21, 1941](#) for attacking Nazi racial ideology; **UPDATE**: transferred to Dachau Concentration Camp)

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alois_Andritzki - with translation

Friday October 3, 1941



Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Fr Gustav Gorsmann (arrested in [Gellenbeck](#) in [March 1941](#) for calling French prisoners "My brethren" and for posting a card at his rectory door which read "Gruss Gott" - "May God greet you" - rather than "Heil Hitler"; **UPDATE**: arrived)

Germany: Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp

Fr Korbinian Aigner (aged 56, arrested in [Hohenbercha](#) on [November 22, 1939](#) for a homily on "Thou shalt not kill" in which he said the recent failed assassination of Hitler might have saved a million people, sent to [Freising prison](#); sentenced on [May 7, 1940](#) to seven months' imprisonment; sent to [Dachau](#) on [June 23, 1941](#); transferred to [Sachsenhausen](#) on [September 12, 1941](#); **UPDATE**: transferred to Dachau)

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gustav_G%C3%B6rsmann - with translation

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korbinian_Aigner - with translation

Monday October 6, 1941



Poland

Fr Steven Abt (aged 43, arrested [August 1941](#), sent to Posen concentration camp, released [September 1941](#); **UPDATE**: arrested, sent to Pose)

<http://www.swzygmunt.knc.pl/MARTYROLOGIUM/POLISHRELIGIOUS/vENGLISH/HTMs/POLISHRELIGIOUSmartyr0003.htm>

Thursday October 9, 1941



France: Paris

Fr Roger Derry (aged 40, arrested by the Germans)

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?from=fr&to=en&a=http%3A%2F%2Ffr.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FRoger_Derry

Saturday October 11, 1941



Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Fr Maurus Munch OSB (arrived)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26360161M/The_Priest_Barracks

Monday October 13, 1941



Ukraine: Starobelsk POW camp

Fr Teodor Czanyasz (aged 44, arrested in Soviet occupied Poland on [July 16, 1941](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Vorkutlag in Russia)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1524>

Tuesday October 14, 1941



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Russia: Kirov

Bishop Eduard Gottlieb Profittlich SJ (aged 51, arrested in [Tallin, Estonia](#) by the NKVD on [June 27, 1941](#), transferred to prison in [Kirov](#); **UPDATE**: indicted on anti-Soviet agitation and espionage charges)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eduard_Profittlich



Poland: Niepokalanow monastery, Teresin

Six monks were arrested by the Germans

Br Piotr Zukowski OFM Conv (aged 28, arrested)

Br Stanislaw Antoni Trojanowski OFM Conv (aged 33, arrested)

<http://missionimmaculata.com/index.php/mi-saints/blessed-martyrs-of-niepokalanow>

Saturday October 18, 1941



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Russia: Vyshny Volochyok

Boris Alexeyevich Malyshev (aged about 38, husband of Maria Malysheva, father of Modest and Olga, arrested, later sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Vyatlag)

Maria Malysheva (wife of Boris Alexeyevich Malyshev, mother of Modest and Olga, arrested, later sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Vyatlag)

Olga Borisovna Malysheva (daughter of Boris Alexeyevich Malyshev and Maria Malysheva, taken in by Marina Izotova after her parents' arrest)

Modest Malyshev (son of Boris Alexeyevich Malyshev and Maria Malysheva, taken in by Marina Izotova after his parents' arrest)

Marina Izotova (secret nun, took in Modest Malyshev and Olga Borisovna Malysheva after their parents' arrest)

Igumen Nikon Vorobyev (supported Modest Malyshev and Olga Borisovna Malysheva after their parents' arrest)

<http://orthochristian.com/111203.html>



Germany: Dachau Concentration Camp

Fr Josef Neunzig (arrived)

[https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pfarrerblock_\(KZ_Dachau\)](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pfarrerblock_(KZ_Dachau)) - with translation
https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26360161M/The_Priest_Barracks

Thursday October 23, 1941



Germany: Berlin

Fr Bernhard Lichtenberg (aged 65, said in a homily during Kristallnacht in [November 1938](#)

“Outside, the synagogue is on fire. It too is a house of God”; **UPDATE:** arrested by the Gestapo, tortured)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26360161M/The_Priest_Barracks

Friday October 24, 1941



Brazil: Oiti, Santana do Cariri, Ceara

Beniga Cardoso da Silva (aged 13, **killed** while resisting rape)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1941.htm>

Saturday October 25, 1941



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Russia: Kirov

Bishop Eduard Gottlieb Profittlich SJ (aged 51, arrested in [Tallin, Estonia](#) by the NKVD on [June 27, 1941](#), transferred to prison in [Kirov](#); indicted on [October 14, 1941](#) on anti-Soviet agitation and espionage charges; **UPDATE**: convicted, sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eduard_Profittlich

Tuesday October 28, 1941



Egypt: Old Cairo

Fr Mina el-Baramousy aka Azer Youssef Atta (aged 39, the future Pope Kyrillos VI, beaten in a murder attempt in his hermitage by bandits, likely in [1939](#), hospitalized; **UPDATE**: evicted from his hermitage by the government)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL27765146M/A_Silent_Patriarch pg 384

Thursday October 30, 1941



Poland: Posen Concentration Camp

Fr Steven Abt (aged 43, arrested [August 1941](#), sent to Posen concentration camp, released [September 1941](#); arrested [October 6, 1941](#), sent to Posen; **UPDATE**: transferred to Dachau)

<http://www.swzygmunt.knc.pl/MARTYROLOGIUM/POLISHRELIGIOUS/vENGLISH/HTMs/POLISHRELIGIOUSmartyr0003.htm>

October 1941, date unknown



Japan: Tokyo

Christian missionaries were detained and interrogated for 5 days, then released

John A Hewitt (aged 34, missionary, British citizen)

R G Wright (missionary, British citizen)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26123571M/Heroes_of_Our_Faith

<http://japanesebiblewoman.blogspot.com/2015/02/the-life-and-faith-of-john-hewitt-1907.html>

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Russia: Ukhtizhlag labor camp, Komi ASSR

Mieczysław Bednarz SJ (aged 24, seminarian, arrested by the Soviets in [Brest, Poland \[now Belarus\]](#) on [January 1, 1940](#); **UPDATE**: amnestied, joined the Polish Armed Forces in the East)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0093>



Germany: Berlin

Helmut James Graf von Moltke (aged 34, husband of Freya von Moltke, international jurist, wrote "Certainly more than a thousand people are murdered in this way every day, and another thousand German men are habituated to murder...What shall I say when I am asked: And what did you do during that time?...Since Saturday the Berlin Jews are being rounded up. Then they are sent off with what they can carry...How can anyone know these things and walk around free?")

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helmuth_James_Graf_von_Moltke