

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – February 1942

**Sunday February 1, 1942**



### Norway

Bishop Arne Fjellbu (aged 51, U.S. citizen, held an alternative ceremony during the inauguration of the Nazi-imposed Quisling government)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arne\\_Fjellbu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arne_Fjellbu)

**Monday February 2, 1942**



### China: Yekikang

Fr Carlo Osnaghi PIME (aged 42, Italian national, **buried alive** by robbers)

<http://www.pime.org/index.php?l=en&idn=85>



### Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Fr Johannes Burkhart (arrived)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26360161M/The\\_Priest\\_Barracks](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26360161M/The_Priest_Barracks)

**Thursday February 5, 1942**



### **Germany: Berlin**

Helmuth Gunther Guddat Hubener (aged 17, arrested for anti-Nazi activities)

### **Germany: Dachau concentration camp**

Fr Josef Albinger (aged 30, arrested in [Hanaun am Main](#) on [November 8, 1941](#) for circulating a copy of Bishop von Galen's anti-euthanasia homilies, jailed in [Frankfurt](#); **UPDATE:** arrived)

[https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josef\\_Albinger](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josef_Albinger) - with translation  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helmuth\\_H%C3%BCbener](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helmuth_H%C3%BCbener)

**Tuesday February 10, 1942**



### **Russia: Tavdinlag labor camp, Tavda, Sverdlovsk region**

Fr Peter Apshinas (aged 55, arrested in [Latvia](#) in [early 1941](#), sent to a prison camp; **UPDATE:** died)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0033>



### **Netherlands: Antwerp**

Theodor Hespers (aged 38, fled Germany in [April 1933](#) to publish anti-Nazi Christian literature in the Netherlands, became a Dutch citizen: **UPDATE** arrested by the Gestapo, tortured)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Netherlands.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Netherlands.htm)  
[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%2fTheodor\\_Hespers](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%2fTheodor_Hespers)

**Wednesday February 11, 1942**



**Kazakhstan: Karlag labor camp, Akmolinsk sector**

Fr Karol Bogucko (aged 72, arrested by the Soviets on [April 9, 1940](#) in Lviv, Poland – now [Ukraine](#), sentenced to 10 years' in a labor camp; **UPDATE: died**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0141>

**Sunday February 15, 1942**



**Germany: Berlin**

Helmuth Gunther Guddat Hubener (aged 17, arrested for anti-Nazi activities on [February 5, 1942](#); **UPDATE: excommunicated from his church**)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helmuth\\_H%C3%BCbener](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helmuth_H%C3%BCbener)

**Tuesday February 17, 1942**



**Poland: Auschwitz concentration camp**

Deacon Frantisek Kuzela OP (aged 26, Czech national, **died**)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Czech1.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Czech1.htm)

**Wednesday February 18, 1942**



**Austria: Vienna**

Sr Helena Kafka (aged 48, arrested for hanging crucifixes in a new hospital wing in defiance of the Nazis)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maria\\_Restituta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maria_Restituta)

**Thursday February 19, 1942**



**Norway**

Bishop Arne Fjellbu (aged 51, U.S. citizen, held an alternative ceremony during the [February 1, 1942](#) inauguration of the Nazi-imposed Quisling government; **UPDATE**: fired from his position by the government)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arne\\_Fjellbu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arne_Fjellbu)

**Saturday February 21, 1942**



**Russia: Armavir, Krasnodar region**

Fr Antoni Kobec (aged 62, brother of Fr Wojciech Kobec, arrested in [Kupil, Ukraine](#) on [November 9, 1929](#); sentenced in [Kiev](#) on [May 10, 1930](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; sent to the [Yaroslavl Political Isolator](#) on [May 25, 1930](#); transferred to [Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp](#) in [November 1933](#), later released, settled in [Armavir, Krasnodar region](#), worked as a factory guard; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1033>

**Sunday February 22, 1942**



## 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; convicted on October 25, 1941, sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment; sentence changed to death on November 21, 1941; UPDATE: died before the sentence could be executed)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eduard\\_Profittlich](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eduard_Profittlich)

**Tuesday February 24, 1942**



## Germany: Flossenburg concentration camp

Br Tomas Maryska OH (aged 29, Czech national, died)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Czech1.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Czech1.htm)

**Saturday February 28, 1942**



## Germany: Berlin

Hein Hoeben (aged 42, Dutch citizen, husband, journalist, arrested by the German police on August 1, 1940 in Breda; UPDATE: died from malnutrition and neglect)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Netherlands.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Netherlands.htm)

[http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-](http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=NL_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.thuisinbrabant.nl%2fpersonen%2fh%2fhoeben%2c-hein)

[US&dl=en&lp=NL\\_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.thuisinbrabant.nl%2fpersonen%2fh%2fhoeben%2c-hein](http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=NL_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.thuisinbrabant.nl%2fpersonen%2fh%2fhoeben%2c-hein)

**February 1942, date unknown**



## USSR

Fr Jan Kapusta SDB (aged 48, arrested in [Dzyatlava, Poland \[now Belarus\]](#) in 1940, sent to a prison camp; **UPDATE:** amnestied as a Polish citizen)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0989>



### Russia: Leningrad

Jadwiga Gribowska (aged 19, postal employee, arrested on counter-revolutionary charges)

### Russia: Sevvostoklag labor camp, Magadan oblast

Fr Kazimierz Kozlowski SJ (aged 40, arrested in 1940 by the Soviets in [Kolomyia, Poland - now Ukraine](#); sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [May 17, 1941](#);

**UPDATE:** amnestied as a Polish citizen, joined the Polish Armed Forces of the East as a chaplain, later left the Soviet Union via Iran)

### Russia: Shipunovo, Altay krai

Fr Johannes Lang (aged 60, deported from [Rostov-on-Don](#) on [September 18, 1941](#) along with a large number of Germans to [Shipunovo, Altay krai](#); **UPDATE:** sent to Zerkaly, Shipunovsk region, forced by poverty to perform solder repairs)

### Russia: Vorkutlag labor camp

Fr Juliusz Kaczorowski (aged 33, sentenced in [Ivano-Frankivsk](#) on [August 19, 1940](#) to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, had been arrested earlier in 1940; **UPDATE:** amnestied as a Polish citizen, released, joined the Polish Armed Forces of the East as a chaplain, later left the USSR via Iran when transferred from Soviet to British command)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0317>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0433>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0899>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1003>



## Poland

Fr Pirro Scavizzi (Italian military chaplain, while travelling with his unit in Poland and Russia at the end of February 1942 began to compile a report of concentration camps where tens of thousands disappeared, and included reports of the smoke from the crematorium at Auschwitz)

### Poland – now Ukraine: Lviv

Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky OSBM (aged 76, brother of Archimandrite Klymentiy Sheptytsky, arrested by invading Russian troops in Lviv in September 1914, sent to Russia; freed in March 1918, returned to Lviv; freed from house arrest in 1920 after Vatican intervention; arrested in Poznan, Poland in September 1923 for his comments regarding oppression of the Ukrainian minority, freed after three months; **UPDATE:** sent a letter to Heinrich Himmler condemning the murder of Jews, threatened with death in response, began the organized sheltering of hundreds of Jews including 15 in his own residence)

Archimandrite Klymentiy Sheptytsky MSU (aged 73, brother of Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, assisted his brother in the sheltering of Jews)

<http://www.infoukes.com/religion/sheptytsky/>

[https://openlibrary.org/works/OL17318218W/Church\\_of\\_Spies](https://openlibrary.org/works/OL17318218W/Church_of_Spies)



### **Luxembourg**

Fr Jean Bernard (aged 33, arrested by the Gestapo on January 6, 1941, sent to Dachau; **UPDATE:** released for nine days, returned to Dachau)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Father\\_Jean\\_Bernard](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Father_Jean_Bernard)