

Today's Martyrs – April 1942

Thursday April 2, 1942



Norway

Bishop Eivind Berggrav (aged 57, arrested, imprisoned in Bredtvet concentration camp, later released and placed under house arrest)

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

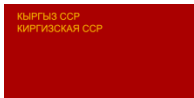
Friday April 3, 1942



USSR

Fr Kamil Kantak (aged 61, transferred from the [Kozelsk POW camp](#) to the [Ostashkov POW camp](#) on [December 24, 1939](#), had been arrested in [Pinsk](#) along with his sister Maria Szilgan; transferred to [Moscow](#) in [February 1940](#); transferred to [Gryazovets POW camp](#) on [July 2, 1941](#), later amnestied and released in the [autumn of 1941](#), became a chaplain in the Polish Armed Forces of the East; **UPDATE**: exited the USSR via Iran when transferred to British command)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0987>



Kyrgyzstan: Guzar

Fr Antoni Cholynski (arrested by the Soviets in [Stanislaviv, Poland](#) in the [autumn of 1939](#); **UPDATE**: **died** while serving as a chaplain in the Polish Armed Forces in the East, had been amnestied at the end of 1941)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1818>



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Russia: Orel

Michael Kitzelmann (aged 24, former seminarian, decorated German Army officer, convicted and sentenced to death in a court martial for anti-Nazi and antiwar statements including “If these rags win, then I can not and do not want to live anymore” and “At home they tear the crosses out of the schools - here they make us fight against the godless Bolshevism...”)

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Kitzelmann - with translation
https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26078489M/A_Noble_Treason - page 181

Sunday April 5, 1942

Easter [Pascha] – Western calendar

Monday April 6, 1942



Poland: Warsaw

Fr Ignatius Adamski (aged 64, **died**, had been exiled from his parish by the Germans)

<http://www.swzygmunt.knc.pl/MARTYROLOGIUM/POLISHRELIGIOUS/vENGLISH/HTMs/POLISHRELIGIOUSmartyr0007.htm>

Tuesday April 7, 1942



Japan: Tokyo

John A Hewitt (aged 35, missionary, British citizen, detained in **October 1941**, interrogated for 5 days, released; detained on **December 8, 1941**, later refused to be exchanged to Britain with diplomats and other missionaries; transferred to a mental hospital in **mid-January**

1942, may have been subjected to experimental drugs; **UPDATE: died from beatings and malnutrition)**

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

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



Germany: Lubeck

Pastor Karl Friedrich Stellbrink (aged 47, husband of Hildegard Stellbrink, said in a Palm Sunday homily on [March 29, 1942](#) that the RAF bombing of Lubeck the previous day was divine punishment; **UPDATE: arrested)**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karl_Friedrich_Stellbrink

Friday April 10, 1942



Poland: Auschwitz Concentration Camp

Br Piotr Zukowski OFM Conv (aged 29, arrested in [Niepokalanow monastery, Teresin](#) on [October 14, 1941](#); transferred from [Pawiak Prison in Warsaw](#) to Auschwitz on [January 8, 1942](#); **UPDATE: died from pneumonia)**

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

Monday April 13, 1942



Russia: Vyatlag labor camp

Maria Malysheva (wife of Boris Alexeyevich Malyshev, mother of Modest and Olga, arrested in [Vyshny Volochyok](#) on [October 18, 1941](#), later sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE: died from chronic diarrhea, edema and scurvy)**

Boris Alexeyevich Malyshev (aged about 39, husband of Maria Malysheva, father of Modest and Olga, arrested in [Vyshny Volochyok](#) on [October 18, 1941](#), later sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: arrived too late to see his wife before she died)

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

Wednesday April 15, 1942



Germany: Bad Kissengen

Fr Franz Reinisch (arrested when he refused to swear allegiance to Adolph Hitler)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franz_Reinisch

Monday April 20, 1942



Ukraine: Kiev

Fr Alexej Alexandrovich Glagolev (aged 40, husband of Tatiana Pavlovna Glagoleva, father of Nikolai Glagolev and Magdalina Palian-Glagoleva, sheltered Jews, refused to offer a service for Adolph Hitler on his birthday)

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



Netherlands: Enschede

Rev Nanne Zwiép (arrested for an anti-Nazi and pro-Jewish homily)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nanne_Zwiep

Wednesday April 29, 1942

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Russia: Sevvostoklag labor camp, Magadan oblast

Fr Teobald Kopp (aged 50, arrested in Strassburg, Ukraine on [June 6, 1935](#); sentenced on [October 8, 1935](#) to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: sentence completed, detained in the camp until the end of the war)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0408>

April 1942, date unknown



Germany: Dachau Concentration Camp

Fr Ludwig Kneidinger (Austrian national, arrested in [Linz, Austria](#) on [January 13, 1942](#) for circulating a copy of Bishop von Galen's anti-euthanasia homilies; **UPDATE**: arrived at the end of April 1942)

Germany: Lubeck

Adolph Ehrtmann (aged 45, politician, arrested for his involvement with Pastor Karl Friedrich Stellbrink and the Catholic chaplains)

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

<http://www.luebeckermaertyrer.de/en/geschichte/personen.html>