

Today's Martyrs

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Events – September 1942

Tuesday September 1, 1942



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Russia: Leningrad

Anna Ignatowicz (aged 53, arrested on [July 13, 1942](#) on anti-Soviet charges including “organizing an underground church, where secret worship services were held”; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

Jadwiga Kazakowa (arrested on [July 13, 1942](#) on anti-Soviet charges including “organizing an underground church, where secret worship services were held”; **UPDATE**: sentenced to possibly 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

Klementina Kalygina OSF (aged 54, milliner, arrested on [November 26, 1929](#); sentenced on [September 8, 1930](#) to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, later sent into internal exile and then returned illegally to [Leningrad](#) to pursue active ministry; arrested on [July 17, 1942](#), charged with 'organizing an underground church where secret worship services were held and damaging, anti-Soviet agitation was conducted'; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

Maria Koszko OSF (aged 65, arrested on [July 13, 1942](#) on anti-Soviet charges including “organizing an underground church, where secret worship services were held”; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0341>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0370>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0378>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0406>

Thursday September 3, 1942



Solomon Islands: Ruavatu, Guadalcanal

Fr Arthur Duhamel SM (aged 33, U.S. citizen, **killed** by Japanese soldiers)

Sr Fanny Lossois SMSM (aged 45, French citizen, **killed** by Japanese soldiers)

Fr Hendricus Oude-Engberink SM (aged 33, Dutch citizen, **killed** by Japanese soldiers)

Sr Marie-Odilia Iltis SMSM (aged 31, French citizen, **killed** by Japanese soldiers)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Solomon_Islands1.htm

<http://www.pacificwrecks.com/provinces/solomons/guadalcanal/ruavatu/grave-arthur-duhamel.html#axzz318uPg3eI>



Germany: Dachau Concentration Camp

Fr Albert Eise (**died of dysentery**)

http://www.schoenstatt.org/news-archive/news2002/09september/2t0905_en_eise.htm

Friday September 4, 1942



Czech Republic: Kobylišy, Prague

Bishop Gorazd aka Matej Pavlík (arrested on [June 27, 1942](#) after he attempted to deflect blame for harboring the assassins of Reinhard Heydrich from others to himself, tortured;

UPDATE: **executed by firing squad** along with the other priests and staff of the cathedral)

Jan Sonnevend (church council chairman, **executed by firing squad**)

Fr Vaclav Cíkl (husband of Marie Cíková, **executed by firing squad**)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gorazd_\(Pavl%C3%ADk\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gorazd_(Pavl%C3%ADk))

http://orthodoxwiki.org/Ss._Cyril_and_Methodius_Cathedral_%28Prague%2C_Czech_Republic%29

Saturday September 5, 1942



Czech Republic: Kobylišy, Prague

Fr Vladimir Petrek (**executed by firing squad** following the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich)

[http://orthodoxwiki.org/Ss. Cyril and Methodius Cathedral %28Prague%2C Czech Republic %29](http://orthodoxwiki.org/Ss._Cyril_and_Methodius_Cathedral_%28Prague%2C_Czech_Republic%29)

Sunday September 6, 1942



France: Mas Soubeyran hamlet, Gard department

Pastor Marc Boegner (aged 61, in a pastoral meeting pleaded with more than 60 pastor to rescue Jews, the pastors and their associates would later save thousands of Jews, had earlier ignored calls for his prosecution by the anti-Semitic French media)

https://righteous.yadvashem.org/?searchType=righteous_only&language=en&itemId=4042772&ind=NaN

Wednesday September 9, 1942



Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Fr Vykoukal Josef OSB (aged 63, Czech national, **died**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Czech1.htm

Saturday September 12, 1942



Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Br Engelbert Nozina OH (aged 55, Czech national, **died**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Czech1.htm

Tuesday September 15, 1942



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"; transferred to [Dachau](#) on [October 3, 1941](#);

UPDATE: **died**)

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

Thursday September 17, 1942



Germany: Pretzsch, Bad Schmiedeberg, Wittenberg

Br Norbert Leopold Deml OFM (aged 32, Czech national, **died**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Czech1.htm

Tuesday September 22, 1942



France: Vichy

Pastor Marc Boegner (aged 61, ignored calls for his prosecution by the anti-Semitic French media; **UPDATE:** met with Prime Minister Pierre Laval, demanded that he stop the roundup and deportation of Jewish children, Laval refused)

<http://www.holocaustchronicle.org/staticpages/368.html>

Wednesday September 23, 1942

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Russia: Moscow

Archimandrite Fabian Abrantowicz MIC (aged 58, detained by Soviet border guards on [October 22, 1939](#); tortured in [Lviv](#) prison, indicted for espionage on [November 13, 1939](#); charged with "fighting against the revolutionary movement and making an illegal border crossing" on [August 15, 1942](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp)

Fr Walter Ciszek SJ (aged 38. U.S. citizen, arrested in [Chusovoy, Perm Krai](#) on [June 23, 1941](#), with two other Jesuits had taken advantage of the 1939 Soviet occupation of eastern Poland to volunteer as workers for transfer to Siberia for underground missionary work, charged with anti-Soviet activities and espionage, transferred to Lubyanka Prison in Moscow, beaten and tortured, forced to sign confessions,; indicted on [August 26, 1942](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced on September 23, 1942 to 15 years' imprisonment at hard labor, kept at Butyrka Prison, 'broken', signed incriminating statements)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0002>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1515>

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

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

Saturday September 26, 1942



Germany: Berlin

Liane Berkowitz (aged 18, arrested for anti-Nazi activities)

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

September 1942, date unknown



Poland: Auschwitz concentration camp

Two Dutch, two Polish, and two Ukrainian priests were executed for hearing confession

Fr George OSCO aka George Loeb (Dutch citizen, arrested on [August 2, 1942](#) in [Berkel-Enschot village, Tilburg, North Brabant province, Netherlands](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

Fr Nivardus OSCO aka Ernst Loeb (Dutch citizen, arrested on [August 2, 1942](#) in [Berkel-Enschot village, Tilburg, North Brabant province, Netherlands](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

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

<https://web.archive.org/web/20090326003531/http://www.ocso.org/HTM/net/stlob-e2.htm>