

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – February 1943

Monday February 1, 1943



Greece: Zakynthos

Metropolitan Dimitrios Chrysostomos (aged 53, charged with treason by the Italian occupation forces, imprisoned)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26192286M/Miracle_at_Zakynthos

Wednesday February 3, 1943



Germany: Dachau Concentration Camp

Fr Alois Andritzki (aged 28, arrested by the Gestapo in [Dresden](#) on [January 21, 1941](#) for attacking Nazi racial ideology; transferred to [Dachau](#) on [October 2, 1941](#); **UPDATE:** **killed with a lethal injection** after contracting typhus, had asked for Communion when dying and the prison orderly replied "Christ does he want? A syringe he gets!")

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

Thursday February 4, 1943



Germany – now Poland: Stettin

Fr Carl Lampert (aged 49, arrested in [Innsbruck, Austria](#) on [August 25, 1940](#) and sent to [Dachau](#) for publishing an obituary on the death of Fr Otto Neuruer; sent to [Sachsenhausen](#) on [September 1, 1940](#); sent to [Dachau](#) on [December 15, 1940](#); freed on [August 1, 1941](#);
UPDATE: arrested)

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

Monday February 8, 1943



France: Paris

Fr Dimitri Klepinin (aged 39, husband of Tamara Baimakova, father of Helen aged 4 and Paul aged 1, arrested by the Gestapo for aiding Jews, during interrogation was struck across the face and called a 'Jew lover', replied by holding up the crucifix around his neck and said "Do you know this Jew?")

Elia Fondaminski (arrested for aiding Jews, later **gassed**)

Sr Maria Skobtsova (aged 54, mother of Yuri Skobtsov, arrested by the Gestapo for aiding Jews)

Yuri Skobtsov (son of Sr Maria Skobtsova, arrested by the Gestapo for aiding Jews, later **gassed**)

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

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL7932547M/The_Righteous

<http://www.acrod.org/readingroom/saints/st-dimitri-klepinin>

<http://www.acrod.org/readingroom/saints/stmaria>

Wednesday February 10, 1943



Germany: Cologne

Br Jean-Baptiste Legeay FICP (aged 46, French citizen, **died**)

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

Thursday February 11, 1943



Greece: Zakynthos

Metropolitan Dimitrios Chrysostomos (aged 53, charged with treason by the Italian occupation forces on [February 1, 1943](#), imprisoned; **UPDATE**: transferred to Athens)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26192286M/Miracle_at_Zakynthos

Sunday February 14, 1943



Great Britain

Bishop George Bell (aged 60, friend of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, German Confessing Church supporter, **UPDATE**: called on the House of Lords to oppose the War Cabinet's policy on area bombardment of Axis cities)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Bell_\(bishop\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Bell_(bishop))

Wednesday February 17, 1943



Japan: Kitano

Fr Julien-Sylvain Bousquet MEP (aged 66, French citizen, arrested)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Japan.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=FR_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2farchives.mepasie.org%2fnotices%2fnotices-biographiques%2fbousquet-1)

[US&dl=en&lp=FR_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2farchives.mepasie.org%2fnotices%2fnotices-biographiques%2fbousquet-1](http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=FR_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2farchives.mepasie.org%2fnotices%2fnotices-biographiques%2fbousquet-1)



Belarus: Rosica

German and Latvian soldiers forced the people of the town into the church

Fr Antoni Leszczewicz MIC (stayed with the people of the town, performed baptisms, heard confessions, and gave Communion, **killed**)

Fr Jerzy Kaszira MIC (aged 39, forbidden by Polish authorities from ministry in the border zone in **Druya** in **1938**; **UPDATE**: stayed with the people of the town, performed baptisms, heard confessions, and gave Communion, reported on the murder of Fr Antoni Leszczewicz and predicted that he himself would be killed the next day)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1016>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1838>

<http://www.thedivinemercy.org/news/Who-Were-Blesseds-Anthony-Leszczewicz-and-George-Kaszyra-6814>

<http://www.swzygmunt.knc.pl/MARTYROLOGIUM/POLISHRELIGIOUS/vENGLISH/HTMs/POLISHRELIGIOUSmartyr1539.htm>

Thursday February 18, 1943



Belarus: Rosica

German and Latvian soldiers forced the people of the town into the church and set it afire, killing 1,528 persons

Fr Jerzy Kaszira MIC (aged 39, stayed with the people of the town, performed baptisms, heard confessions, and gave Communion, reported on the **February 17, 1943** murder of Fr Antoni Leszczewicz and predicted that he himself would be killed the next day before; **UPDATE**: **killed** when their church was set afire)

Sr Rozalia Marcilonek (survived to report on the massacre)

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<http://www.thedivinemercy.org/news/Who-Were-Blesseds-Anthony-Leszczewicz-and-George-Kaszyra-6814>

<http://www.swzygmunt.knc.pl/MARTYROLOGIUM/POLISHRELIGIOUS/vENGLISH/HTMs/POLISHRELIGIOUSmartyr1539.htm>



Germany: Munich

White Rose resistance leaders arrested for distributing anti-Nazi literature

Hans Scholl (aged 24, brother of Sophie Scholl, medical student; **UPDATE**: arrested)

Sophie Scholl (aged 21, sister of Hans Scholl, biology and philosophy student, arrested)

Willi Graf (aged 22, medical student, arrested)

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

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

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

Sunday February 21, 1943



Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Fr Heinrich Summereder (aged 45, Austrian, **died**)

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

Monday February 22, 1943



Germany: Stadelheim prison, Munich

UPDATE: White Rose resistance leaders were convicted of treason, sentenced to death, and executed for the distribution of anti-Nazi leaflets

Hans Scholl (aged 24, brother of Sophie Scholl, medical student, last words were shouted “Long live freedom!”; **guillotined**)

Sophie Scholl (aged 21, biology and philosophy student, sister of Hans Scholl, said at her trial “My brother and I wanted those leaflets to open people's eyes and to put an end to the terrible slaughter of other peoples and Jews even sooner than it will be ended by the Allies. Shall our nation be forever cast out by all mankind?...Your master race really wants peace. It wants human dignity to be respected again. It wants God, conscience and empathy”, in her last meeting with her mother was told “Remember Jesus” and replied firmly “Yes, but you too”, **guillotined**)

Christoph Hermann Probst (aged 24, medical student. husband of Herta Dohrn, father of Michael, Vincent and Katja, baptized and given Communion then said “Now my death

will be easy and joyful”, said to Hans and Sophie Scholl “Well, in only a few minutes we shall be seeing each other again. In eternity”, **guillotined**)

Magdalena Muller Scholl (mother of Hans and Sophie Scholl)

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

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

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

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catholic_resistance_to_Nazi_Germany#White_Rose

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26078489M/A_Noble_Treason - pages 255 - 259

Wednesday February 24, 1943



Germany: Munich

Alexander Schmorell (aged 25, medical student, White Rose resistance leader; **UPDATE:** arrested after a failed attempt to flee to Switzerland)

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

Saturday February 27, 1943



Germany: Munich

Dr Kurt Huber (aged 49, husband of Clara, father of Brigit and Wolfie, professor of theodicy, White Rose resistance leader, arrested)

Clara Huber (wife of Dr Kurt Huber, mother of Brigit and Wolfie, arrested, later released)

Brigit Huber (aged 12, daughter of Kurt and Clara Huber, held at home by the Gestapo)

Wolfie Huber (son of Kurt and Clara Huber, held at home by the Gestapo)

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

Sunday February 28, 1943



Brazil: Rio-das-Antas

Sr Ambrosia Anna Sabatovycz (aged 48, **killed** in an arson attack along with six young girls, found trying to aid the youngest girl)

Anna (young girl, **killed** in an arson attack)

Amelia (young girl, **killed** in an arson attack)

Anita (young girl, **killed** in an arson attack)

Carmelia (young girl, **killed** in an arson attack)

Lidia (young girl, **killed** in an arson attack)

Lourdes (young girl, **killed** in an arson attack)

<http://ssmi.org//Causes.html>

February 1943, date unknown



France: Le Chambon-sur-Lignon

Pastor Andre Trocme (cousin of Daniel Trocme; **UPDATE**: arrested for publicly opposing the arrest of Jews, released after four weeks, later went into hiding)

Rev Edouard Theis (arrested for publicly opposing the arrest of Jews, released after four weeks, later went into hiding)

Roger Darcissac (public school headmaster, arrested for publicly opposing the arrest of Jews, released after four weeks, later went into hiding)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andr%C3%A9_and_Magda_Trocm%C3%A9#Legacy