

Today's Martyrs – 1946 – unknown month



USSR

Elena Czernecka (aged 52, arrested on counter-revolutionary charges on [March 8, 1938](#); convicted, sentenced on [September 22, 1938](#) to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: released, sentenced to 3 years' internal exile to the Krasnoyarsk region)

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Russia: near Rostov-on-the-Don

Fr Jozef Kandefer OFM Cap (arrested in [Sendishove](#) in [1944](#), sentenced to possibly 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: released, emigrated to Poland)

Russia: Urals

Fr Walter Ciszek SJ (aged 42. 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](#); sentenced on [September 23, 1942](#) to 15 years' imprisonment at hard labor, kept at Butyrka Prison, 'broken', signed incriminating statements; exiled in [1945](#) to the [Urals](#), worked as a dump truck driver, engaged in underground missionary work; **UPDATE**: arrested for his underground missionary work, sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Norillag labor camp near Dudinka, Taymyr Dolgano-Nenets Autonomous Okrug)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0985>

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

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



Ukraine

Fr Vladimir Borovets (aged 58, arrested, possibly sent to Siblag labor camp)

Ukraine: Drohobych

Fr Vitaliy Bairak OSBH (aged 39, arrested by the NKVD on [September 17, 1945](#); **UPDATE:**
beaten to death before Easter)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0152>

http://www.stnicholaschurch.ca/content_pages/osbm/art_osbm.martyrs.006.htm



Lithuania: Daynuva

Fr Fabionis Kemeshis (aged 67, arrested, deported to Krasnoyarsk Krae)

Lithuania: Vilnius

Fr Pavel Bekish (aged 50, arrested, sent to Peschanlag labor camp)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0099>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1019>



Romania: Oradea

Fr Gyorgypal Albert (aged 33, arrested, released after developing cardiac inflammation)

https://hu.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gy%C3%B6rgyp%C3%A1l_Albert - with translation

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1947.htm>



Albania

Fr Shtjefen Kurti (aged 48, arrested, sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment)

https://sq.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shtjefën_Kurti - with translation



Slovenia: Ljubljana

Fr Ivo Peran OFM (aged 26, sentenced to death, sentence commuted)

https://hr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ivo_Peran - with translation