

Today's Martyrs

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Events – March 1946

Sunday March 3, 1946



Ukraine: Lviv

Bishop Nikolay Charnetsky CSSR (aged 61, arrested on [April 11, 1945](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp in Siberia)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1508>

Monday March 4, 1946



Albania: Shkoder

Eight priests were taken from prison to a cemetery by Communists and shot

Fr Daniel Dajani SJ (aged 39, Italian citizen, seminary rector, arrested on war crimes and espionage charges on [December 31, 1945](#), tortured; sentenced to death on [February 22, 1946](#); **UPDATE**: **shot dead**)

Fr Giovanni Fausti SJ (aged 47, Italian citizen, arrested on war crimes and espionage charges on [December 31, 1945](#), tortured; sentenced to death on [February 22, 1946](#); **UPDATE**: **shot dead**)

Gjelosh Lulashi (aged 20, **shot dead**)

Fr Kole Shllaku OFM (aged 39, sentenced to death on [February 22, 1946](#); **UPDATE**: **shot dead**)

Mark Cuni (aged 27, seminarian, **shot dead**)

Qerim Sadiku (aged 27, **shot dead**)

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

https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daniel_Dajani - with translation

<http://www.ncregister.com/blog/tcraughwell/fr.-giovanni-fausti-martyred-by-the-communists>

Wednesday March 6, 1946



Ukraine: Zhytomyr

Fr Bronislaw Drzepecki (aged 40, arrested by the Germans in 1944 in Lutsk, taken to Lubin, later released; arrested by the Soviets on January 10, 1945; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0242>

Saturday March 9, 1946



Ukraine: Lviv

Fr Dionizy Kajetanowicz (aged 68, arrested on November 27, 1945 after refusing to join the Orthodox church; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Stalinsk oblast)

Fr Wiktor Kwapinski (aged 62, arrested early in 1941 in Lviv, survived the mass shootings in Kiev Prison in June 1941 following the German invasion, returned to Lviv and resumed his ministry; arrested in 1945; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0981>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1071>

Tuesday March 12, 1946



Vietnam: Tac Say, Can Tho

Fr Francois Xavier Truong Buu Diep (arrested by the Vietminh along with 60 parishioners, offered his own life in exchange for their release)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/The-soon-to-be-Saint-Father-Diep,-Vietnamese-priest-and-martyr-honored-even-by-non-Christians-32955.html>

Monday March 18, 1946



Russia: Inta, Komi

Fr Juozas Rakickas MIC (aged 39, Lithuanian national, killed)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Lithuania2.htm

Saturday March 23, 1946



Albania: Shkrel

Fr Nikole Gazulli (aged 50, killed by Communists)

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

Wednesday March 27, 1946



Ukraine: Ternopil

Fr Adolf Iwancow (aged 36, arrested in 1945; UPDATE: sentenced to 4 years' imprisonment in a labor camp)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0972>

Sunday March 31, 1946
Resumption of the Chinese Civil War

March 1946, date unknown



Bosnia and Herzegovina: Bosanski Aleksandrovac

Fr Alfred Pichler (aged 32, imprisoned in a camp in [Bosanski Aleksandrovac](#) in [May 1945](#) with others of German descent; **UPDATE**: released)

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