

Today's Martyrs

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Events – October 1948

Friday October 8, 1948



РСФСР

Russia: Dubravlag labor camp, Potma, Yavas, Zubovo-Polyansk region, Mordovian ASSR

Fr Pietro Leoni SJ (aged 39, Italian citizen, arrested on [April 29, 1945](#) in [Odessa, Ukraine](#); transferred to [Lefortovo Prison in Moscow](#) on [July 13, 1945](#); indicted on anti-Soviet agitation charges on [September 13, 1945](#); sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [November 12, 1945](#); transferred to [Butyrka Prison](#) on [November 24, 1945](#); transferred to [Temlag](#) on [December 12, 1945](#); arrested on [June 15, 1947](#) on false charges of preparing an armed uprising in the camp; sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [August 29, 1947](#); transferred to [Dubravlag](#) on [September 8, 1948](#); **UPDATE:** transferred to Rechlag)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1837>

Wednesday October 13, 1948



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Belarus: Polatsk

Fr Peter Bartoszewicz (aged 34, arrested, sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Vorkutlag)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0077>

Tuesday October 19, 1948



Romania: Oradea

Fr Alexander Ratiu (aged 32, U.S. citizen, arrested in [Giurtelecu Simleului](#) in [May 1947](#); released in [July 1948](#); **UPDATE**: arrested, imprisoned at [Caldarusani](#))

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

Tuesday October 26, 1948



Albania

Fr Josif Mihali (aged 36, arrested in 1945, sentenced to 10 years' hard labor; **UPDATE**: collapsed while working, **buried alive**)

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

Thursday October 28, 1948



Romania: Baia Mare, Maramures

Bishop Alexandru Rusu (aged 63, arrested, sent to [Dragoslavele](#))

Romania: Bucharest

Bishop Vasile Aftenie (aged 48, arrested, sent to [Dragoslavele](#))

Romania: Cluj

Bishop Iuliu Hossu (aged 63, arrested, sent to [Dragoslavele](#))

Romania: Lugoj

Bishop Ioan Balan (aged 68, arrested, sent to [Dragoslavele](#))

Romania: Oradea

Auxiliary Bishop Ioan Suci (aged 40, arrested, sent to [Dragoslavele](#), later transferred to [Caldarusani](#))

Bishop Valeriu Traian Frentiu (aged 73, arrested, sent to a camp in Dragoslavele)

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

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ioan_B%C4%83lan

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

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

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

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

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

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

<http://www.bru.ro/lugoj/lista-episcopilor/ps-ioan-balan/> - with translation

<http://www.bru.ro/maramures/lista-episcopilor/ps-alexandru-rusu/2/> - with translation

Sunday October 31, 1948



Russia: Norillag labor camp, Dudinka, Taymyr Dolgano-Nenets Autonomous Okrug

Fr Andrzej Gladysiewicz (aged 33, arrested in [Volodymyr-Volynskyy, Ukraine](#) on [January 4, 1945](#); sentenced on [March 28, 1945](#) to 7 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE:** transferred to Gorlag)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0840>

October 1948, date unknown



Romania

Fr Tit Liviu Chinezu (aged 44, arrested)

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



Czechoslovakia: Brno

Br Josef Hartl OH (aged 49, arrested by the StB secret police on [September 24, 1948](#) for anti-communist activities; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment on treason charges)

<http://www.ustrcr.cz/cs/faustin-josef-hartl> - with translation