

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – February 1949

Tuesday February 8, 1949



Hungary: Budapest

Cardinal Jozsef Mindszenty (aged 56, arrested on treason and conspiracy charges in [Esztergom](#) on [December 26, 1948](#) after he opposed state seizure of church schools and farmland; **UPDATE**: convicted at the end of a five day trial in which he showed obvious signs of torture and of having been drugged to plead guilty, sentenced to life imprisonment)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J%C3%B3zsef_Mindszenty

Wednesday February 9, 1949



Belarus: Pastavy, Maladzyechna district

Fr Karol Kozera OCD (aged 33, arrested by the Gestapo in [Vilnius](#) in [1942](#), sent to a concentration camp, later freed by Soviet soldiers; **UPDATE**: arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1057>

Saturday February 12, 1949



Albania

Fr Jak Bushati (aged 59, **killed**)

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

Thursday February 17, 1949



Belarus: Jazno

Fr Anton Kuyava (aged 41, arrested by the Gestapo in 1943, released after a few months;

UPDATE: arrested, accused of anti-Soviet activities, tortured with sleep deprivation)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1143>

Monday February 21, 1949



Lithuania

Fr Benediktas Andriuska SJ (aged 64, arrested)

https://lt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benediktas_Andriu%C5%A1ka - with translation

February 1949, date unknown



Romania: Dragoslavele

Bishop Alexandru Rusu (aged 64, arrested in [Baia Mare, Maramures](#) on [October 28, 1948](#), sent to [Dragoslavele](#); **UPDATE:** transferred to [Caldarusani](#))

Bishop Ioan Balan (aged 70, arrested in [Lugoj](#) on [October 28, 1948](#), sent to [Dragoslavele](#); **UPDATE:** transferred to [Caldarusani](#))

Bishop Iuliu Hossu (aged 64, arrested in [Cluj](#) on [October 28, 1948](#), sent to [Dragoslavele](#); **UPDATE:** transferred to [Caldarusani](#))

Bishop Valeriu Traian Frentiu (aged 74, arrested in Oradea on October 28, 1948, sent to a camp in Dragoslavele; **UPDATE**: transferred to Caldarusani in or after February 1949)

Bishop Vasile Aftenie (aged 48, arrested in Bucharest on October 29, 1948, sent to Dragoslavele; **UPDATE**: transferred to Caldarusani)

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

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

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