

Today's Martyrs

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Events – May 1949

Tuesday May 10, 1949



Russia: Chita Prison, Zabaykalsky Krai

Fr Paul Chaleil (aged 36, French national, arrested in [Harbin, China](#) on [December 22, 1948](#) with other priests by local communists, handed over to the Soviet MGB; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Tayshetlag)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1807>



Romania: Caldarusani

Bishop Vasile Aftenie (aged 49, arrested in [Bucharest](#) on [October 29, 1948](#), sent to [Dragoslavele](#); transferred to [Caldarusani](#) in [February 1949](#); **UPDATE**: taken to the Interior Ministry, tortured, mutilated, crippled, mentally broken, still refused to cooperate)

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

Wednesday May 11, 1949



Russia: Minlag labor camp, Inta village, Kozhvinsk region, Komi ASSR

Fr Stanislaw Lazar (aged 44, arrested in [Minsk, Belarus](#) on [July 20, 1948](#); sentenced on [November 12, 1948](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: arrived)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1089>

Thursday May 12, 1949



Lithuania: Zhirmuny, Lida, Vilnius

Fr Vatslav Bekish (aged 44, arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0100>

Saturday May 21, 1949



Belarus: Dzisna

Fr Anton Kuyava (aged 41, arrested in [Jazno](#) by the Gestapo in [1943](#), released after a few months; arrested on [February 17, 1949](#), accused of anti-Soviet activities, tortured with sleep deprivation; **UPDATE:** sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment in a labor camp)

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

May 1949, date unknown



Russia: Vyshny Volochyok

Deacon Boris Alexeyevich Malyshev (aged about 46, widower of Maria Malysheva, father of Modest and Olga, arrested on [October 18, 1941](#), later sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to [Vyatlag](#); arrived too late to see his wife before she died on [April 13, 1942](#); released in [October 1943](#) after recovering from near death; **UPDATE:** [died](#))

<http://orthochristian.com/111203.html>