

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – May 1950

Monday May 1, 1950

End of the Chinese Civil War

Thursday May 4, 1950



Bulgaria: on the road between the Mirkovo and Chelopech

Fr Ivan Nikolov Gaydarov (husband, killed)

<http://prosopography1944->

1989.bg/victims/index/page:257/sort:Victim.profession/direction:desc/

Wednesday May 10, 1950



Romania: Vacaresti Prison, Bucharest

Bishop Vasile Aftenie (aged 50, arrested in Bucharest on October 29, 1948, sent to Dragoslavele; transferred to Caldarusani in February 1949; taken to the Interior Ministry on May 10, 1949, tortured, mutilated, crippled, mentally broken, still refused to cooperate;

UPDATE: died, may have been shot)

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

Friday May 19, 1950



USSR: Gorlag labor camp

Fr Andrzej Gladysiewicz (aged 35, arrested in [Volodymyr-Volynskyi, Ukraine](#) on [January 4, 1945](#); sentenced on [March 28, 1945](#) to 7 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp for hearing confessions, transferred to Norillag)

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

Thursday May 25, 1950



Myanmar aka Burma: Shadaw, Kayah

Isidore Ngei Ko Lat (aged 32, catechist, **killed**)

Fr Mario Vergara PIME (aged 39, Italian citizen, **shot dead**, body thrown in the river)

Fr Pietro Galastri PIME (aged 32, Italian citizen, **killed**)

<http://www.pime.org/index.php?l=en&idn=85>

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1950.htm>

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

May 1950, date unknown



Russia: Siblrag labor camp

Fr Jan Borysiuk (aged 62, arrested in [1948](#), sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: transferred to Omlag labor camp)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0159>



Romania: Caldarusani

Fr Alexander Ratiu (aged 34, U.S. citizen, arrested in [Giurtelecu Simleului](#) in [May 1947](#); released in [July 1948](#); arrested in [Oradea](#) on [October 19, 1948](#), imprisoned at [Caldarusani](#); **UPDATE**: transferred to [Sighet Prison](#))

Bishop Alexandru Rusu (aged 65, arrested in [Baia Mare, Maramures](#) on [October 28, 1948](#), sent to [Dragoslavele](#); transferred to [Caldarusani](#) in [February 1949](#); **UPDATE**: transferred to [Sighet Prison](#))

Bishop Ioan Balan (aged 70, arrested in [Lugoj](#) on [October 28, 1948](#), sent to [Dragoslavele](#); transferred to [Caldarusani](#) in [February 1949](#); **UPDATE**: transferred to [Sighet Prison](#))

Auxiliary Bishop Ioan Suciu (aged 42, arrested in [Oradea](#) on [October 28, 1948](#), sent to [Dragoslavele](#), later transferred to [Caldarusani](#); **UPDATE**: taken to the Interior Ministry)

Bishop Iuliu Hossu (aged 65, arrested in [Cluj](#) on [October 28, 1948](#), sent to [Dragoslavele](#); transferred to [Caldarusani](#) in [February 1949](#); **UPDATE**: transferred to [Sighet Prison](#))

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

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

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

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

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

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

<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