

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – January 1953

Monday January 12, 1953



Russia: Vorkutlag labor camp

Fr Michal Drabik (aged 41, arrested in [Sambor, Ukraine](#) on [January 12, 1945](#); sentenced on [July 17, 1947](#) in [Drohobych, Ukraine](#) to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE:** released from the labor camp but denied the right to leave - effectively sentenced to internal exile, settled in Vorkuta)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0931>

Monday January 26, 1953



Kazakhstan: Steplag labor camp, Dzhezkazgan, Karaganda

Fr Alexander Ben (aged 42, arrested in [Zhytomyr, Ukraine](#) on [January 26, 1945](#); sentenced in [Kiev](#) on [May 6, 1946](#) to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE:** released from imprisonment, sent into internal exile to Kokchetavsk, Kazakhstan)

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January 1953, date unknown



Kenya: Njumbi

Christians were killed for refusing to take unchristian oaths in support of Mau Mau guerrillas

Gadson Gachigi (husband of Rebeka Gachigi, father of Timothy, carpenter, **strangled**)

Rebeka Gachigi (wife of Gadson Gachigi, mother of Timothy and one unborn child, teacher, **strangled**)

Timothy (aged 1 year, orphan child of Gadson and Rebeka Gachigi)

Nathaniel (friend of Gadson Gachigi, **strangled**)

Heshbon Mwangi (preached at the funeral of Gadson and Rebeka Gachigi and Nathaniel)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26123571M/Heroes_Of_Our_Faith