

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – 1955 – unknown month



### USSR

Archmandrite Ioann Krestiankin (aged 45, imprisoned in 1950; **UPDATE**: released)

Fr Vasyl Velychkovsky (aged 52, arrested in [Ternopil, Ukraine](#) in 1945, sentenced to death, sentence commuted to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: released)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Krestiankin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Krestiankin)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vasyl\\_Velychkovsky](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vasyl_Velychkovsky)



### Kazakhstan: Karlag labor camp, Akmolinsk sector

Izabella Efimova (arrested in [Moscow](#) in 1950, sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: released, returned to Moscow)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0247>



### Russia: Kraslag labor camp, Tugachinsk section, Krasnoyarsk region

Fr Karolis Gumbaragis (aged 70, arrested on [June 26, 1946](#) in [Dukshtas, Ignalina raion](#); sentenced on [September 8, 1947](#) to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: released, returned to Lithuania)

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

Viktor Danilov (aged 28, released from the camp, had become a Christian while in the camp thanks to priest inmates, after his release began decades of evangelization which included multiple occurrences of KGB questioning)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0886>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0909>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viktor\\_Danilov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viktor_Danilov)



### **Romania: Sighet Prison**

Bishop Alexandru Rusu (aged 71, arrested in [Baia Mare, Maramures](#) on [October 28, 1948](#), sent to [Dragoslavele](#); transferred to [Caldarusani](#) in [February 1949](#); transferred to [Sighet Prison](#) in [May 1950](#); **UPDATE**: transferred to the [Curtea de Arges Monastery](#))

Bishop Ioan Balan (aged 75, arrested in [Lugoj](#) on [October 28, 1948](#), sent to [Dragoslavele](#); transferred to [Caldarusani](#) in [February 1949](#); transferred to [Sighet Prison](#) in [May 1950](#); **UPDATE**: transferred to the [Curtea de Arges Monastery](#))

Bishop Iuliu Hossu (aged 70, arrested in [Cluj](#) on [October 28, 1948](#), sent to [Dragoslavele](#); transferred to [Caldarusani](#) in [February 1949](#); transferred to [Sighet Prison](#) in [May 1950](#); **UPDATE**: transferred to the [Curtea de Arges Monastery](#))

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexandru\\_Rusu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexandru_Rusu)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ioan\\_B%C4%83lan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ioan_B%C4%83lan)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iuliu\\_Hossu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iuliu_Hossu)

<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