Today's Martyrs - May 1956

Saturday May 26, 1956



Kazakhstan

Sr Sophia Eismont OP (aged 56, arrested in Kaluga, Russia on November 30, 1948; sentenced on August 17, 1949 to 10 year's imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Tayshetlag, later transferred to Angarlag; released on November 3, 1954, exiled to Kazakhstan; **UPDATE**: released from exile, settled in Maishogala in Lithuania)

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Russia: Ukhta, Komi ASSR

Christina Ivanovna Gildman (aged 51, housekeeper for Fr Leopold Braun in Moscow, arrested in early 1948 on charges of having 'maintained a criminal connection with the American spies [Fr Leopold] Braun and [Fr Antoine] Laberge, having visited their apartments and given them slanderous and espionage information about the USSR' despite her illiteracy, sentenced on July 5, 1948 to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Temlag, Potma station; transferred in 1954 to a camp for disabled prisoners; **UPDATE**: released, returned to Moscow)

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