

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – 1959 – unknown month



China

Fr Lucas Li Jingfeng (aged 37, arrested and sentenced to forced labor)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Msg.-Lucas-Li-Jingfeng-has-died.-The-memory-of-a-young-Catholic-42344.html>



Ukraine: Stryi

Fr Martin Karas CSSR (aged 49, arrested in [Stryi](#) on [July 13, 1952](#); sentenced on [August 19, 1952](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; sent to [Usollag](#) in [Russia](#) on [October 20, 1952](#); released early on [August 10, 1956](#), returned to [Stryi](#); **UPDATE**: forced to leave Stryi by the local authorities, emigrated to Poland)

Ukraine: Zhytomyr

Fr Roman Jankowski (aged 71, arrested in [Kotelnia](#) on counter-revolutionary charges on [August 27, 1935](#); sentenced on [August 14, 1936](#) to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent into internal exile following his release; returned from internal exile in [1945](#) and resumed his ministry, soon forced to live in [Yablonna](#); returned to [Zhytomyr](#) in [1951](#); banned from ministry in [1957](#) for a year; **UPDATE**: banned from ministry for 6 months)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1005>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1714>



Romania: Gherla Prison

Fr Alexander Ratiu (aged 43, U.S. citizen, arrested in [Giurtelecu Simleului](#) in [May 1947](#); released in [July 1948](#); arrested in [Oradea](#) on [October 19, 1948](#), imprisoned at [Caldarusani](#); transferred to [Sighet Prison](#) in [May 1950](#); transferred to [Gherla Prison](#) in

July 1955; **UPDATE**: transferred to labor camps at Stramba, Stoienesti and then Great Braila Island)

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



Czechoslovakia

Fr Frantisek Mikulasek SJ (aged 44, arrested March 1950; sentenced to 9 years' imprisonment on treason and espionage charges on April 4, 1950; **UPDATE**: released from prison, forced to work in a quarry for the next 8 years)

Paul Korbuly (judge, former Communist, arrested by the StB secret police after it was discovered that he secretly converted to Christianity)

https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franti%C5%A1ek_Mikul%C3%A1%C5%A1ek - with translation
<https://www.familiemariens.org/html/en/pdf/48.pdf>