

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – 1964 – unknown month



China

Fr Joseph Zhu Baoyu (aged 44, underground priest, sentenced to a forced labor camp, released by 1967)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Mgr-Joseph-Zhu-Baoyu,-bishop-emeritus-of-Nanyang,-has-passed-away-50019.html>



USSR

Auxiliary Bishop Kazimir Dulbinskis (aged 58, arrested in 1949 in Riga, Latvia, sent to Ukhtizhemlag labor camp, later sent into internal exile; **UPDATE**: allowed to return to Latvia, not allowed to resume his ministry)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0937>



Russia: Ukhtizhemlag labor camp, Sosnovka, Komi ASSR

Fr Bronislaw Drzepecki (aged 58, arrested by the Soviets in Zhytomyr, Ukraine on January 10, 1945; sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on March 6, 1946; released from camp on November 10, 1954, kept in internal exile; arrested in Akmolinsk oblast, Kazakstan in 1956 on anti-Soviet activities related to his secret Masses, sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: released, returned to active ministry)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0242>



Romania

Archimandrite Mina Dobzeu (aged 42, imprisoned in 1948 for 11 months and then subjected to 5 years' house arrest for protesting the seizure of icons, churches, and monasteries; arrested after the dismantling of the monasteries, tried in a military court, and sent in February 1959 to prison and then to a Danube canal labor camp; **UPDATE**: released)

Romania: Latesti, Ialomita county

Fr Alexander Ratiu (aged 48, 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; transferred to labor camps at Stramba, Stoienesti and Great Braila Island beginning in 1959; released and placed under house arrest in Latesti, Ialomita county in 1962; **UPDATE**: released)

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

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/archim-mina-dobzeu-confessor-of-communist-romania-reposes-in-the-lord-at-96/>

<http://ziarullumina.ro/arhimandritul-mina-dobzeu-aparator-al-unitatii-de-credinta-si-neam-129670.html> - with translation



Lithuania

Fr Juozas Zdebskis (aged 34, imprisoned for one year)

<http://www.marijampoletic.lt/en/homelands/homeland/homeland-of-priest-juozas-zdebskis-detail>



Czechoslovakia

Auxiliary Bishop Basil Hopko (aged 60, arrested in Presov, Slovakia on April 28, 1950 along with Bishop Pavel Peter Gojdic for refusing to merge his church into the Russian Orthodox Church, starved and tortured; **UPDATE**: released from prison due to ill health and sent to a nursing home)

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