# **Today's Martyrs – December 1971**

## Wednesday December 3, 1971



### Lithuania: Kaunas

Fr Petras Orlickas (tried on charges of illegal religious instruction to children for having organized volleyball games, when he said his doctor had advised him to exercise was told "play with the housekeeper", fined 50 rubles)

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# Thursday December 4, 1971



#### Lithuania: Dubiciai

Fr Mykolas Petravicius (processed to the church with a funeral, later warned that such an act was illegal)

Svedas (parish council chairman, received the warning letter from the district executive committee concerning Fr Mykolas Petravicius)

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## **Tuesday December 9, 1971**



#### Lithuania

Fr Prosperas Bubnys (tried on November 12, 1971 on charges of illegal religious instruction to children, convicted, sentenced to one year in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: conviction upheld on appeal)

## Lithuania: Akmene

Fr Petras Lygnugaris (stopped by a doctor from giving last rites to a hospital patient)

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## Friday December 12, 1971



#### Lithuania

Fr Juozas Zdebskis (church in Prienai raided by the authorities on July 16, 1971 during his First Communion class for 300 children who were all questioned and photographed; arrested by the KGB on August 26, 1971 for illegal religious instruction to children; trial held on November 12, 1971; **UPDATE:** convicted, sentenced to one year in a labor camp)

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# Friday December 24, 1971



Lithuania: Adutiskis

Fr Bronius Laurinavicius (**UPDATE**: gave candy to some visitors, later rebuked by a government agent who had driven 29 kilometers to do so)

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Tuesday December 28, 1971



Lithuania: Akmene

Fr Petras Lygnugaris (stopped by a doctor from giving last rites to a hospital patient on December 9, 1971; **UPDATE**: fined 50 rubles)

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