

Today's Martyrs

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Events – February 1974

Friday February 1, 1974



Lithuania: Jieznas

Fr K Zilys (summoned again to the district executive committee on [January 23, 1974](#), accused of interfering with the atheistic education of schoolchildren and of disregarding the authorities, refused to sign a copy of the meeting; **UPDATE**: fined 50 rubles)

http://www.lkbkronika.lt/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=355&Itemid=240

Sunday February 10, 1974



Albania

Fr Mikel Beltoja (aged 38, **killed**)

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

Tuesday February 12, 1974



Russia: Moscow

Alexandr Solzhenitsyn (aged 55, author, husband of Natalia Dmitrievna Svetlova, attacked in an assassination attempt with an unknown chemical agent [most likely ricin] on [August 8, 1971](#), survived; **UPDATE**: arrested)

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

Wednesday February 13, 1974



Russia: Moscow

Alexandr Solzhenitsyn (aged 55, author, husband of Natalia Dmitrievna Svetlova, arrested on February 12, 1974; **UPDATE**: stripped of his citizenship, deported to West Germany)

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

Monday February 25, 1974



Lithuania: Vilnius

Fr Jonas Buliauskas (ordered to appear before the KGB, interrogated, challenged the legality of the questioning and refused to answer)

Lithuania: Zagare, Joniskis district

Fr G Gudavicius (interrogated by the district executive committee as to why he catechized children and used the Cross in funeral processions, told the committee that he would continue to do his duty, the government retaliated against the parish's schoolchildren)

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Wednesday February 27, 1974



Lithuania: Vilnius

Fr J Zubrus (**UPDATE:** ordered to appear before the KGB, interrogated for two days, told he was suspected to be the leader of the church's anti-Soviet activities)

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February 1974, date unknown



Lithuania: Kaunas

Monika Gavenaite (publishing house employee, residence searched by police on [November 26, 2013](#), religious manuscripts seized, interrogated; **UPDATE:** discharged from her position for suspicion of being a nun)

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