

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – May 1974

Friday May 3, 1974



Lithuania: Bagaslaviskis

Jonas Gatelis (father of an intermediary school student, **funeral held**, students were not allowed into the church during the funeral)

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Saturday May 4, 1974



Russia: Moscow

Fr Dimitri Dudko (aged 52, husband of Nina, father of Mikhail and Natalya, arrested in 1948 at seminary for having written poems against Stalin, sent to [Inta](#); released in 1956; ordained in 1960; **UPDATE**: priestly faculties temporarily suspended after he allowed a question to be asked in his church that was critical of the Moscow Patriarch, transferred two weeks later to a church in Kabanovo, two hours from Moscow by rail)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26791441M/The Last Man in Russia](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26791441M/The_Last_Man_in_Russia) - page 90

Sunday May 5, 1974



Lithuania: Plutiskes

Ms Deltuviene (elderly lady, hit with a rock while praying in the churchyard, rocks were thrown by intermediate school students at the instigation of their principal)

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Saturday May 11, 1974



Argentina: Floresta, Buenos Aires

Fr Carlos Mugica (aged 43, **shot dead**)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carlos_Mugica

Monday May 13, 1974



Lithuania: Vosyliskiai, Vosiliskiai district

Fr Jonas Survila (fined 50 rubles on [July 17, 1972](#) for allowing children to serve at Mass;

UPDATE: summoned to the district executive committee, ordered to explain in writing why boys were allowed to serve at the altar, wrote "Why do I not chase the boys from the altar? I cannot drive them from the altar because, as the Lord Jesus Christ says, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them...' Therefore, 'We must obey God rather than men'", fined 50 rubles upon receipt of his explanation)

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Tuesday May 14, 1974



Lithuania: Grinkiskis, Raseiniai district

J Kilbauskas (aged 17, secondary school student, visited by the district KGB head in an attempt to persuade him to not attend church)

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Monday May 27, 1974



Lithuania: Sates, Skuodas district

Juozas Valanciauskas (parish council chairman, ordered to remove a statue of the Virgin Mary from the churchyard, replied that no parishioner would remove it, the statue remained)

Lithuania: Siauliai

Leonas Sileikis (middle school student, asked by his principal and teachers if he had read his assigned atheism texts, said he had and they were “lies and calumnies”, refused to renounce his faith when asked)

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