

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – September 1978

Friday September 1, 1978

September 1978, date unknown



Russia: Moscow

Alexander Ogorodnikov (aged 28, Christian Seminar member, husband of Yelena Levashova, father of Dima; **UPDATE**: detained after attending a [late September 1978](#) press conference by dissident physicist Andrei Sakharov and taken to KGB headquarters, told he would be arrested and imprisoned if he did not emigrate from the country within one month, later told his friends he would stay: "A new generation of believers is rising in Russia, and they have been given the mission to witness to their belief, not only with words but also with deeds. Great deeds begin with the making of victims. We must show, with our flesh and blood, that our words are not empty. It is a great privilege to suffer for Jesus Christ. Forgive me these high-flown words, but I cannot refuse that privilege...Without suffering, our faith doesn't make sense. True religious work simply demands a sacrifice")

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