

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – December 1978

Wednesday December 6, 1978



Russia: Tver

Alexander Ogorodnikov (aged 28, Christian Seminar member, husband of Yelena Levashova, father of Dima; arrested in [Redkino](#) for parasitism on [November 20, 1978](#), immediately began a hunger strike; **UPDATE**: ended his hunger strike)

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Tuesday December 26, 1978



Zimbabwe - then Rhodesia: Kangaire, Mount Darwin, Mashonaland Central

Fr Gerhard Pieper SJ (aged 43, German citizen, **shot dead**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Zimbabwe.htm

<http://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/portfolio-item/gerhard-pieper-s-j-1978-zimbabwe/>

December 1978, date unknown



Russia: Moscow area

Vladimir Sedov (student, future priest, arrested by the KGB at the church of Fr Dimitri Dudko in Grebnevo outside Moscow in November 1978, released after 5 days; **UPDATE**: arrested, released after a few days)

Georgy Fedotov (detained in a mental institution, released after a few days)

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