

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – November 1979

Friday November 2, 1979



Iran: Tehran

Bishop Hassan Barnaba Dehqani-Tafti (aged 60, husband of Margaret, father of Bahram, Shirin, Sussanne and Guli, shot at in his bed by likely government agents on [October 26, 1979](#), not injured; **UPDATE**: fled the country)

Margaret Thompson Dehqani-Tafti (wife of Bishop Hassan Barnaba Dehqani-Tafti, mother of Bahram, Shirin, Sussanne and Guli, shot at while in her bed by likely by government agents on [October 26, 1979](#), injured in her hand; **UPDATE**: fled the country, later returned for her children)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL4256365M/The_Hard_Awakening - page 62-63



Zimbabwe: Driefontaine, Mvuma, Midlands

Sr Rita Neff OP (aged 39, German citizen, **killed**)

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

Wednesday November 20, 1979



Russia: Leningrad

Alexander Ogorodnikov (aged 29, Christian Seminar member, husband of Yelena Levashova, father of Dima; arrested in [Redkino](#) for parasitism on [November 20, 1978](#); trial in

Konakovo ended on January 11, 1979, refused to confess or show remorse, sentenced to 1 year's imprisonment, beaten by police in public after he refused to turn over his trial notes; **UPDATE**: released from prison, re-arrested as he left the prison gate on anti-Soviet agitation charges)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26180614M/Dissident_For_Life - page 116

Friday November 23, 1979



Kazakhstan

Tatyana Karpovna Kasnova aka 'Baba Tanya' (aged 74, **died from malnutrition and exposure** in a Soviet labor camp, had been arrested for distributing leaflets that called the Soviet government 'Satanic')

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL8415145M/A_Radiance_in_the_Gulag - page 75

Thursday November 29, 1979



Palestine: Jacob's Well Monastery

Archimandrite Philoumenos aka Sophocles Hasapis (aged 66, **killed with an axe** by a mentally ill man)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philoumenos_\(Hasapis\)_of_Jacob%27s_Well](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philoumenos_(Hasapis)_of_Jacob%27s_Well)

November 1979, date unknown