

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – January 1980

Thursday January 10, 1980



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](#), sentenced to 1 year's imprisonment; released from prison on [November 20, 1979](#), re-arrested as he left the prison gate on anti-Soviet agitation charges; began a hunger strike on [December 5, 1979](#), was force fed in response; **UPDATE:** ended his hunger strike)

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Monday January 14, 1980



Russia: Moscow area

Alexander Semyonov (husband of Zoya, future priest, arrested by the KGB, released after 15 days)

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Tuesday January 15, 1980



Russia: Moscow: Grebnevo, outside Moscow

Fr Dimitri Dudko (aged 57, husband of Nina, father of Mikhail and Natalya, arrested in 1948 at seminary for having written poems against Stalin; released in 1956; ordained in 1960; priestly faculties temporarily suspended on May 4, 1974 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; fired by his bishop in December 1975 for preaching on social problems such as alcoholism and abortion; assigned to a parish in Grebnevo outside Moscow in April 1976; **UPDATE**: arrested)

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Friday January 18, 1980



Guatemala: Potrero Viejo, Segundo Centro de la Vega, Zacualpa, Quiche

Juan Barrera Mendez (aged 12, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/Guatemala.htm>

January 1980, date unknown



China: Yulin

Fr Francis Tong Hui (aged 48, jailed in March 1965; released)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Mgr-Francis-Tong-Hui,-emeritus-bishop-of-Yulin,-dies-38992.html>



Ethiopia

Fr Berhaneyesus Demerew Souraphiel (aged 32, arrested by the Derg [the Communist junta]; **UPDATE**: released)

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/ethiopias-cardinal-souraphiel-brings-african-family-values-to-the-college-of-cardinals-62148/>