

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – March 1983

Thursday March 3, 1983



Ukraine: Kiev

Irina Ratushinskaya (aged 28, wife of Igor Gerashchenko, physics teacher, arrested in [Odessa](#) on [September 17, 1982](#) on a charge of 'anti-Soviet agitation' for circulating her Christian and other poetry; **UPDATE**: found guilty, sentenced to 7 years' imprisonment followed by 5 years' internal exile)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irina_Ratushinskaya

March 1983, date unknown



Russia: Perm-36 labor camp and Tver

Alexander Ogorodnikov (aged 32, 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 in [Leningrad](#) on [November 20, 1979](#), re-arrested as he left the prison gate on anti-Soviet agitation charges; found guilty of anti-Soviet agitation in [Tver](#) on [September 8, 1980](#), sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment followed by 3 years' internal exile; **UPDATE**: transferred back to the prison in [Tver](#) in [late March 1983](#), placed with death row inmates who had been promised clemency if he were killed, heard their confessions [without absolution] and gave them some hope of redemption before they were shot)

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