

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – October 1984

Wednesday October 3, 1984



Georgia

Fr Theodore Chikhladze (found guilty in [August 1984](#) of involvement in the hijacking of Aeroflot Flight 6833 despite a lack of evidence, sentenced to death; **UPDATE: shot dead**)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aeroflot_Flight_6833

Saturday October 13, 1984



Poland: Wloclawek

Fr Jerzy Popieluszko (aged 37, Solidarity union chaplain, residence damaged by an explosive device on [December 14, 1982](#), not injured; spoke at the [May 19, 1983](#) funeral Mass for Grzegorz Przemyk [an 18 year old church cantor murdered by police] "Satan dared to perpetrate such a horrible crime that all Warsaw is mute with fear. He broke the thread of an innocent young life. In a brutal way, he deprived a mother of her only son"; followed and menaced by police while travelling on [August 30, 1983](#) to lead a retreat in [Gdynia](#), police cars filled the convent parking lot during the retreat; ordered on [December 12, 1983](#) to appear at a police station, spent hours with his attorneys undergoing minor questioning, taken back to his residence to find planted evidence including weapons and explosives, laughed at police, arrested, later released under pressure from the Church; **UPDATE: escaped an assassination attempt by the SB secret police in a staged traffic accident**)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerzy_Popie%C5%82uszko

Friday October 19, 1984



Poland: near Przysiek

Fr Jerzy Popieluszko (aged 37, abducted by three agents of the SB secret police, beaten, tortured, while unconscious was weighted with rocks and thrown into the Vistula Water Reservoir, was possibly still alive)

Waldemar Chrostowski (driver for Fr Jerzy Popieluszko, abducted by three agents of the SB secret police, beaten, threw himself from the police car while handcuffed, escaped)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerzy_Popie%C5%82uszko

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26627966M/Blessed_Jerzy_Popielusko

Tuesday October 30, 1984



Poland: Wloclawek

Fr Jerzy Popieluszko (aged 37, abducted by three agents of the SB secret police on October 19, 2014, beaten, tortured, and killed; **UPDATE**: body found in the Vistula Water Reservoir)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerzy_Popie%C5%82uszko

Wednesday October 31, 1984



India: Delhi

Sophie Joseph (nurse, wife of a retired army officer, aunt of Dr John Dayal, sheltered Sikh families in her home after the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi while mobs killed 3,500 Sikhs in the city, prevented the mob from entering her home, saved an entire family from death)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/indira-gandhis-killing-inspired-courage-as-well-as-savagery/72300>

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