

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Weekly Commentary - 2019-03-10 through 2019-03-16

Let us start with the good news from this week's report ([click here to read](#)):

- A Christian civil rights attorney was released from prison in China after over two years' incarceration.
- A doctor returned to India to resume his ministry after his expulsion had been ruled illegal.
- An Indian priest was released on bail after nine months in jail.
- A French priest was cleared of charges that he had inappropriate contact with a minor, and his accusers received fines and suspended sentences.

As usual the bad news outweighed the good:

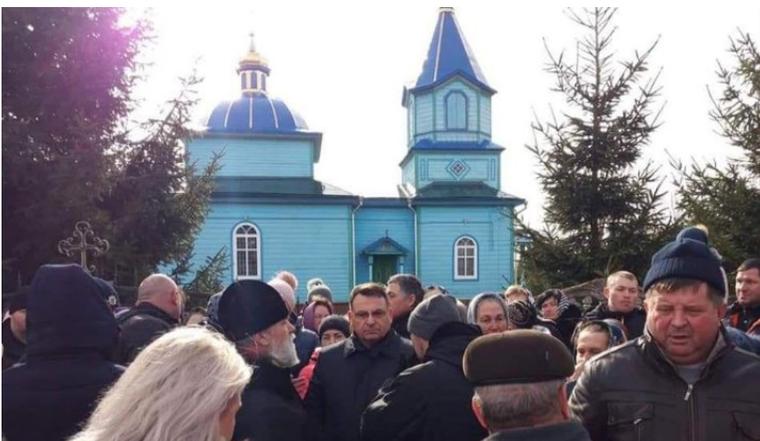
- Christians were reported to have been killed in Colombia, Egypt, Ethiopia (missionaries and other leaders in a commercial airline crash), Madagascar, and the Philippines
- Christians were imprisoned or faced imprisonment in Australia, China, Indonesia, and Iran
- Christians were assaulted or threatened with assault or death in China, Kenya, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Ukraine.
- A street preacher was arrested in London and then 'de-arrested' five miles away in a deserted public park; the police told him "No one want to hear that [the Gospel] anymore".

Please pray for all of these people.

One final comment. This week there were a great many stories regarding church vandalism in Europe, but few listed the names of any Christian, and so per our policy we were not able to report on most of them. The reader should be aware, however, that the vandalism and desecrations appear to be growing, apparently as Europe embraces both Islam and neo-Paganism. In the last few weeks dozens of churches in France, Germany, Spain, and Italy have been damaged. A church in Ireland where Handel played the organ and wrote his *Messiah* saw the desecration of its burial crypt. The obvious lesson for our readers is this: if you want to visit Europe and enjoy its Christian heritage, go now, while you still can.



St Michan's Church, Dublin, Ireland – courtesy reidsguides.com



Church of the Holy Protection of the Mother of God, Kurozvany, Ukraine – courtesy Union of Orthodox Journalists

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