

CZARNECKYI Nicholas

Was born in Semakiwei in the diocese of Stanislaviv on 14th December 1882. He was ordained priest in the Ukrainian Rite on 2nd October 1909; and attracted to the Redemptorists, took his vows in Zboiska on 16th September 1920. Named titular Bishop of Lebedus and Apostolic Visitor for the Slavs of Byzantine Rite in Poland, he was consecrated in the church of Sant'Alfonso, Rome, on 8th February 1931. In 1945 he was arrested by the Russian police, and in spite of protests by the Vatican sentenced to five years of forced labour, a sentence later increased to twenty-five years. He was sent to Siberia, where he worked in coal mines until a short time before his death. He ended his life, deaf and almost totally blind and worn out by his long suffering in the neighbourhood of Lviv on 2nd April 1959.

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