

Divine Liturgy Propers, July 23, 2017
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Blessed Basil Hopko, Bishop of Medila, son of Anna Petrenko and Basil Hopko, poor, landless peasants. His father died when the boy was just a year old, and when he was four his mother emigrated to the United States to look for work. Educated in Hungary, he was trained at the Eparchial Seminary, Prešov, Czechoslovakia. He had dreams of joining his mother in the United States, and of pursuing his vocation there, but the cost of recurring health problems left him unable to afford to travel. When he finally decided to serve in his native land, he was suddenly cured, and realized he was been given a sign about his calling. He was ordained on 3 February 1929., and served as a parish priest in Prague where he was noted for a mission to the poor, the unemployed, and to students. He taught at the Eparchial Seminary in Prešov, and was ordained auxiliary bishop of Prešov on 11 May 1947.

Bishop Basil was arrested on 28 April 1950 as part of the Communist government's suppression of the Greek Catholic Church. He was kept on starvation rations and tortured for weeks, he was eventually given a show trial and sentenced to 15 years for the "subversive activity" of staying loyal to Rome He was repeatedly transferred from prison to prison, and continually abused. His health, physical and emotional, failed, and in 1964 he was transferred to a home for the aged and kept under guard there. Though he managed to overcome severe depression, and went on to minister to a group of 120 nuns imprisoned at the home, he never recovered his physical health.

On 13 June 1968 his original eparchy was restored, but he died without being able to resume leadership of his flock. His death was a direct result of imprisonment, and he is considered one of the many martyred by Communism.

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 6

An - gel - ic pow - ers ap - peared at your tomb, and the guards be - came like dead
men. Mar - y stood at the tomb seeking your most pure bod - y. You de - spoiled
Ha - des with - out a chal - lenge. You, the Giv - er of Life met the

Vir-gin. O Lord, ris - en from the dead, glo - - - ry to you!

Troparion of our holy father Basil Hopko - Tone 4

Guide to Or - tho - dox - y, teach - er of pi - e - ty and ho - li - ness,

lu - mi - nar - y for the world, in - spired a - dorn-ment

of bish - ops, O wise Ba - sil, harp of the Spir - it,

you en-light - ened all by your teach - ings; in - ter - cede with Christ our

God to save our souls

Cantor

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, now and

ev - er and for-ev - er. A - - - men.

Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 6

Christ our God, the Life - giv - er, with his life - giving hand raised the dead

from the val - ley of death, grant-ing res - ur - rec - tion to all of us.

He is the Sav - ior of All, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of All.

Prokeimenon of the Resurrection - Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):

Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance,
and bless your in - her - i - tance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.
and then immediately after the verse:

Prokeimenon of a priest-martyr - Tone 7 (Psalm 149:5,1):

Let the faith - ful re-joyce in glo - ry, re - joyce
in glo - ry, shout for joy, and take their rest.

Alleluia of the Resurrection - Tone 6 (Psalm 90:1,2):

Al - le-lu-ia! Al - - - le-lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: The one who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
abides in the shadow of the God of heaven.

Verse: He says to the Lord: You are my Protector, my Refuge, and my God in whom I trust.

and then immediately after the second verse:

Alleluia of a priest-martyr - Tone 2 (Psalm 131:9):

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - - - ia!

Al - - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Your priests will be clothed with righteousness and your saints will rejoice.

[**Verse:** The Lord has chosen Zion; he prefers her for his dwelling.]

Communion Hymns:

For Sunday, the usual Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1): (music found on pages 78-81)

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And for a priest-martyr, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 111:6,7):

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The just man will be re - mem - bered for - e - - ver;

e - vil news he will not fear; e - vil news he will not fear.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!