Our holy father and confessor Paul Gojdič, Bishop of Prešov

1. Come, all you lovers of the feasts, with joy now gather round! To praise this glorious man of God and fill this place with sound!

2. Born to a priestly family he heard Christ’s loving call. Which bade him come and follow him as priest, to give his all.

3. Then, armed with bishop’s staff, he sought to feed his Prešov flock. With truth of Jesus, God-made man, to tend the wounded stalk.

4. Through war and foes who sought to kill the Church within his care. To cut it loose from Peter’s throne, he taught most bravely there.

5. He gave his life for Jesus’ sake for unity and truth. As he had done with faithfulness e’en from his earliest youth.

For on this day we celebrate the bishop-martyr brave, For in this he sought to turn all hearts from earth to heav’n above.

Then, after that, he sought the peace of the Basilian life. And shield-ing the Greek Cath’lic Church, the Jews, the poor, the youth.

And nourish it with pastor’s care, with mercy and with love. And this, he sought to turn all hearts from earth to heav’n above.

Which caused him to be prisoner defending Gospel truth. And brought into our hearts, the peace, which Jesus would give.

So now to God the Trinity we raise this joyful song: Bring us, with Blessed Paul, to heav’n with you for ages long!!

True shepherd of the Savior’s flock who strove his sheep to save. Text: J. Michael Thompson

His name was changed to Paul, foretelling of the coming strife. Melody: Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage (traditional)

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