Our holy father and confessor Basil Hopko, Bishop of Medila

1. The Church of God with angel ranks combines to sing the praise
2. A scholar from his early youth, he heard your priestly call,
3. When vicious persecution came, upon him, hands were laid,
4. O Father, lover of us all, O Christ, our Master true,

Of Basil, shepherd of the flock who served Christ all his days!
And from his ordination day, he gave to you his all.
And he was made a bishop then, a leader firm and staid.
O Spirit, holy Paraclete: all praise we sing to you!

With no regard for life or wealth he preached the Word most true;
By pastor-ing and teach-ing, too, his patient, faithful life
Though seized, imprisoned, sick and worn, he never turned away,
O Triune God, O One-in-Three, we give you thanks today:

As he so bravely lived and died, may we thus also do!
Became a shining model for his Church in times of strife.
And through his good example, helped all those who thought to stray.
As blessed Basil followed you, help us to walk his way!

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