

**Divine Liturgy Propers, July 23, 2023**  
**EIGHTH 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 7**

You have de-stroyed Death by your cross; you o-pened par - a -dise to the thief.

The sor - row of the myrrh-bearers you turned to joy. You com-mand-ed your

a - pos - tles to pro-claim: Christ our God, you have ris - en, grant-ing great

mer - cy to the world.

**Troparion of our holy father Basil Hopko - Tone 8**

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

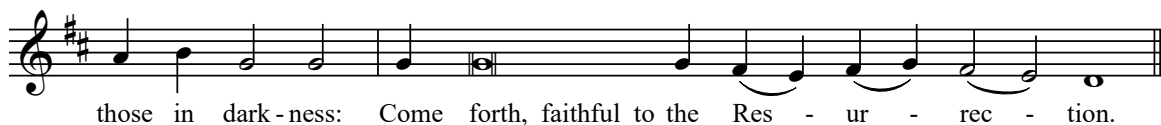
*Cantor*

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 7**

No long - er can the might of Death rule o - ver us; Christ de - scend - ed,



**Prokeimenon of the Resurrection - Tone 7 (Psalm 27:9,1):**



*Verse:* Bring to the Lord, you sons of God; bring to the Lord glory and honor.  
*and then immediately after the verse:*

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



**Alleluia of the Resurrection - Tone 7 (Psalm 91:2,3):**





le - lu - - - ia!

**Verse:** It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

**Verse:** To proclaim your mercy in the morning, and your faithfulness throughout the night.

*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!