


FIRST & THIRD HOUR PROPERs FOR JULY 23RD, 2023

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

¹  **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, graduating with honors in 1923. Trained at the Eparchial Seminary, Prjashev, 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. Ordained on 3 February 1929. Parish priest in Prague where he was noted for a mission to the poor, the unemployed, and to students. Taught at the Eparchial Seminary in Prjashev. Awarded the title of Monsignor in 1936. Doctor of Theology in 1940. Auxiliary bishop of Prjashev on 11 May 1947.

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 a group of activists insisted that a Slovak bishop be appointed to the see, and Basil was removed. Deep divisions occurred throughout the eparchy, not all of which have yet been settled. Father Basil 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.

The holy martyrs Trophimus and Theophilus and their companions suffered martyrdom by beheading during the reign of the emperor Diocletian. (4th century)

The holy martyrs Appolinaris and Vitalis, bishops of Ravenna. While spreading the unsearchable riches of Christ among the nations, Appolinaris was a good pastor who went before his flock (cf John 10:4) It is said that he was decorated with the glorious honor of martyrdom at the church of Classis near Ravenna in Flaminia. He is said to have been the first bishop of Ravenna. On this day, it is said, it was commanded by God that a famous basilica be built under the name of Vitalis, bishop at Ravenna in Flaminia, in that city. Because of his undaunted faith, tenaciously held, he has been honored from time immemorial with the holy martyrs Valeria, Gervasius, Protasius and Ursicinus. (2nd century)

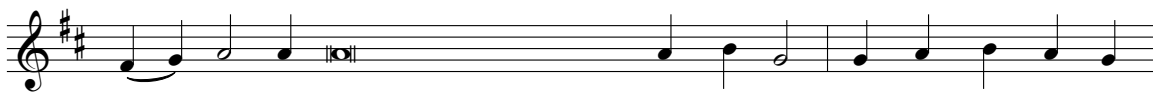
Our holy father Sharbel (Joseph) Makhlof, priest of the Lebanese Maronite Church. Desirous of strict solitude and a higher perfection, he withdrew from the monastery of Annaias in Lebanon to a hermitage. There he served God in the greatest austerity of life, fasting and praying to God day and night. His wonder-working is well known by the faithful. (1898)

FIRST HOUR

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.

Cantor (*Tone 8*):



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly



Spir- - - it.

Troparion of blessed Basil - *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 (Tone 8):




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


Theotokion of First Hour – Tone 8:




What shall we call you, O Full of Grace?



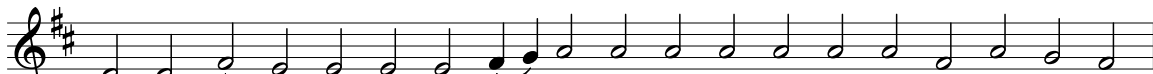
A Hea - ven; for you have born the Sun of Just - ice?




A Par - a - dise; for you have brought forth the Flower of Im - mor - tal - i - ty?



A Vir - gin; for you have remained un - de - filed?



A Moth - er, hold - ing in her ho - ly arms the Son who is the God of all?



In - ter - cede with Him for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

First Hour continues with "Guide my footsteps according to your promise..." on p. 7

Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 7

No long - er can the might of Death rule o - ver us; Christ de - scend - ed,
de - stroying and crush - ing its pow - er. Ha - des re - mains en - chained.
The proph - ets re - joyce to - geth - er. The Sav - ior has appeared, saying to
those in dark - ness: Come forth, faithful to the Res - ur - rec - tion.

First Hour continues with "Lord, have mercy..." (40 times) on p. 8

THIRD HOUR

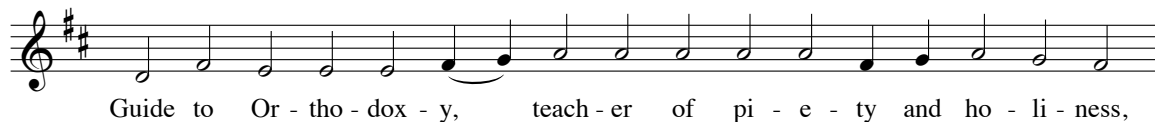
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a - pos - tles to pro - claim: Christ our God, you have ris - en, grant - ing great
mer - cy to the world.

Cantor (Tone 8):



Troparion of blessed Basil - Tone 8:



Cantor (Tone 8):



Theotokion of Third Hour - Tone 8:



Fruit of Life; where-fore, we im - plore you, O La - dy,
 to in - ter-cede to - geth - er with the a - pos - tles and all the saints
 that we may ob - tain mer - cy for our souls.

Third Hour continues with "May the Lord God be blessed..." on p. 16

Kontakion of Basil - Tone 2

Di - vine ly wise Basil, you prac - ticed self - con - trol and stilled
 the desires of the flesh, O ho - ly fa - ther. You flour ished in faith
 and flowered like the tree of life in Par - a - dise.

Third Hour continues with "Lord, have mercy..." (40 times) on p. 16

¹ Format 17: Sunday and a Polyeleos Saint