Divine Liturgy propers, October 31

The holy priest-martyr Theodore Romzha. Born in Veliky Bychkiv in Carpatho-Russia in 1911, he came from a poor family and exhibited a vocation to the priesthood. Sent to Rome for studies, he was ordained in 1937 and sent to the country parish of Berzovo. In 1939, he was called to the seminary at Uzhhorod and taught there until 1944. In 1944, despite his youth, he was ordained bishop for the Mukachevo Eparchy. During the Soviet Army’s occupation of Carpatho-Russia, he was tireless in his care for his flock and in his defense of the rights of the Byzantine Catholic Church. On October 27, 1947, he was severely wounded in a staged accident. He was taken to the hospital in Mukachevo, where he was subsequently poisoned, and died. (1947)

Troparion of Theodore - Tone 4

My fa-ther, my fa-ther! The char-iots of Isra-el and its horse-men!

Up-on a cart as up-on his bish-op's throne, The-o-dore has been car-ried

be-yond the sanc-tu-ar-y veil. Let fall, O fa-ther, your man-tle of pray'r,

and be-seech Christ to save our souls.

Kontakion of Theodore - Tone 8

Though the god-less poured poison in-to your veins, your heart still beats with

love for Christ, O bish-op The-o-dore, mar-tyred fa-ther, who now
raise your prayers be-fore the Throne of God.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 149:5,1):

Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song of praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Alleluia - Tone 2 (Psalm 131:9,13):

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 Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

Refrain