

Our holy father and confessor Paul Gojdič, Bishop of Prešov

JULY 17



1. Come, all you lo - vers of the feasts, with joy now ga - ther round
2. Born to a priest - ly fa - mi - ly he heard Christ's lov - ing call
3. Then, armed with bi - shop's staff, he sought to feed his Pre - šov flock
4. Through war and foes who sought to kill the Church with - in his care,
5. He gave his life for Je - sus' sake for u - ni - ty and truth,



To praise this glor - ious man of God and fill this place with sound!
Which bade him come and fol - low him as priest, to give his all.
With truth of Je - sus, God-made man, to tend the wound - ed stalk
To cut it loose from Pe - ter's throne, he taught most brave - ly there
As he had done with faith - ful - ness e'en from his ear - liest youth.



For on this day we cel - e - brate the bi - shop - mar - tyr brave,
Then, af - ter that, he sought the peace of the Ba - sil - ian life.
And nour - ish it with pas - tor's care, with mer - cy and with love.
Which caused him to be pri - so - ner de - fen - ding Gos - pel truth
So now to God the Tri - ni - ty we raise this joy - ful song:



True shep - herd of the Sa - vior's flock who strove his sheep to save.
His name was changed to Paul, fore - tell - ing of the com - ing strife.
In this, he sought to turn all hearts from earth to heav'n a - bove.
And shield - ing the Greek Cath - 'lic Church, the Jews, the poor, the youth.
Bring us, with Bles - sed Paul, to heav'n with you for a - ges long!!

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage* (traditional)