

Our holy father and confessor Basil Hopko, Bishop of Medila

JULY 23



1. The Church of God with an - gel ranks com - bines to sing the praise
2. A scho - lar from his ear - ly youth, he heard your priest - ly call,
3. When vi - cious per - se - cu - tion came, u - pon him, hands were laid,
4. O Fa - ther, lov - er of us all, O Christ, our Mas - ter true,



Of Ba - sil, shep - herd of the flock who served Christ all his days!
And from his or - di - na - tion day, he gave to you his all.
And he was made a bi - shop then, a lead - er firm and staid.
O Spi - rit, ho - ly Pa - ra - clete: all praise we sing to you!



With no re - gard for life or wealth he preached the Word most true;
By pas - tor - ing and teach - ing, too, his pa - tient, faith - ful life
Though seized, im - pri - soned, sick and worn, he ne - ver turned a - way,
O Tri - une God, O One - in - Three, we give you thanks to - day:



As he so brav - ely lived and died, may we thus al - so do!
Be - came a shin - ing mo - del for his Church in times of strife.
And through his good ex - am - ple, helped all those who thought to stray.
As bles - sed Ba - sil fol - lowed you, help us to walk his way!

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Melody: *Ellacombe*