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Геодшри Ромжа

31 October 2021 / 7530 ~ 23rd Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplius, and their Companions. The Holy Martyr

Epimachus. The Holy Martyr Theodore, Bishop of Mukachevo.



LITURGY SCHEDUE:



Demons are cruel, mischievous, hurtful and treacherous to those who are in their power. See how they hurried the swine over a precipice and drowned them in the waters? ... It will never happen that those who love Christ will become subject to them, as long as we walk in his footsteps, avoid negligence in doing what is right, desire that which is honorable, and follow the virtuous and praiseworthy lifestyle that Christ has marked out for us by the precepts of the Gospel. *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

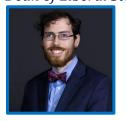
THE BYZANTINE RITE BECOMES IMPERIAL: Apart from its civil importance as the new capital [of the Roman Empire, east and west] and the preaching of Chrysostom, early Constantinople was known for little either culturally or ecclesiastically. It produced almost no literature of any importance, it was not a great intellectual or monastic center, and it was no the cradle of saints and martyrs. Furthermore, its homiletic and theological production was slim. The one exception was the notable interlude at the end of the fourth century during the episcopates of Gregory Nazianzen (379-381) and John Chrysostom (398-404)—but even their theology was Cappadocian or Antiochene and not Constantinopolitan. In none of these respects could Constantinople hold a candle to the great eastern ecclesiastical centers Alexandria [Egypt] and Antioch [Syria]. Yet its civil attributes—its sheer size, monumental architecture and imperial court life—were legendary. Soon Constantinople would also become known for the splendors of its ritual, both imperial and ecclesiastical. *The Byzantine Rite A Short History* by Robert F. Taft SJ

A **STUDY OF GENESIS**, guided by Sts. Ephrem, John Chrysostom, Basil the Great, and Gregory of Nyssa, will take place on the following **Wednesdays** in **November: the 3**rd,

10th, and **17th** at **8:00 pm.** The Church Fathers call Christ the "New Adam," the one who restores the "old Adam" to his original glory. Placing Jesus' saving work in the broader biblical context of the stories of the Creation and the Fall, the Fathers presuppose our knowledge of the Book of Genesis as the foundation for the Gospel revelation of Jesus Christ. If interested in deepening your knowledge of Genesis, register at https://godwithusonline.org/events/genesis.

The webinar is free, but you must register to participate. The presenter is Dr. Andrew Hayes, Ph D. who is an Associate Professor of Theology and Division Dean of Liberal Studies at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Specializing in asceticism,





spirituality, and theological poetics particularly in Syriac patristics, he has published and presented on numerous Christian authors of the Near East, including St. Ephrem, Jacob of Serugh and Gregory Nazianzen. He received his Ph. D in Syriac Patristics & Christian Near Eastern Languages and Literature from Catholic University of America, and BA in Classical and Early Christian Studies from Christendom College.



Bishop Theodore G. Romzha: A Victim of Soviet Persecution

"I love you, O Lord, my strength; You are my stronghold and my refuge!" – *Ps. 18, 2-3.* These were the words which Bishop Theodore G. Romzha, the Apostolic Administrator of the Mukachevo Eparchy (1944-1947), chose as his motto, i.e. the guiding principle of his episcopal ministry. He was only 33 years old and yet he had to face the invasion by the Soviets, followed by the persecution of the Greek Catholic Church in Subcarpathian Ruthenia. However, he did not lose heart. He defended his spiritual flock with great courage and love. He even laid down his own life for his sheep. Therefore, he justly deserves our esteem. In him we gained a powerful protector in heaven...

To read more about this blessed martyr of our Church, click the following link: https://archpitt.org/bishop-theodore-g-romzha-a-victim-of-soviet-persecution/

PRAYER FOR BEATIFICATION

O gracious Lord, in Your infinite goodness You have given us a fearless Bishop, Theodore Romzha, who by his uncommon courage, sufferings, and violent death gave a heroic witness to his unshakeable Faith and inspired our people to hold fast to their Faith in time of persecution. Therefore, we humbly beseech You to glorify Your faithful servant, that Man of Faith, Bishop Theodore, and to strengthen our Faith by granting us through his kind intercession . . . (*here make your request*). For you are a merciful and gracious God, and we render glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.



~ Announcements ~

- ETERNAL MEMORY! The parish offers its sincerest condolences and prayers to Joanne Overdorff whose brother William A. Christie has fallen asleep in the Lord. «In blessed repose, grant O Lord, eternal rest to your departed servant William and remember him forever. Бѣчнад памать!
- 39th Annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration at St John the Baptist Church, Uniontown is this Sunday, October 31st from Noon to 16:00 or until sold out. This year's event will be modified by having TAKEOUT FOOD. Admission is free. For more information see flyers in the Narthex, or call 724-438-6027 between 9:00 and 15:00 and leave a message. Also check parish website the week of the event for any possible changes: www.stjohnbaptist-byzcath-uniontown.org
- ♦ The annual ARCHDIOCESAN CHARITIES COLLECTION is next week-end November 6th – 7th. This appeal provides funding for foreign and home missions, the Holy Land, retired religious, and various other worthy causes sponsored by our Archeparchy. Please give as generously as you can! There is a special envelope marked for this collection.