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Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr (1580 - 1623 AD) - 11/12/2021 AD



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"Born of Ruthenian parents in present-day Ukraine, Josaphat eschewed marriage and career to enter the Monastery in 1604. After his election as Archbishop of Polotsk, he sought ways to bring his fellow Ruthenians who clung to The Orthodox Church into The Catholic Communion.

In 1620 a rival Archbishop arose, challenging Josaphat. In 1623 the supporters of this rival.. [murdered] Josaphat and threw his body into the river. Soon thereafter, the schismatic Bishop and many of his adherents sought union with Rome.

"The blood of Saint Josaphat even today, as it was three hundred years ago, is a very special pledge of Peace, the seal of unity" [within Christendom]. (Pope Pius XI)."

Saint JHosaphat gave his life in the tireless pastoral service and in Martyrdom for the unity of Churches of East and West." \* He is the Patron Saint of reunion between Orthodox and Catholics.

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"Stir up in Your Church, we pray, O Lord, The SPIRIT that filled Saint Josaphat as he laid down his life for The Sheep, so that through his intercession we, too, may be strengthened by The same SPIRIT and not be afraid to lay down our life for others.

Through our Lord JESUS CHRIST, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in The Unity of The HOLY SPIRIT, GOD for ever and ever." \* AMEN.

JOHN 17:1,17-23

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TT3cfXd3Shk>

1 These Words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to Heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee:

17 Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth.

18 As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through The Truth.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word;

21 That they all may be One; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be One in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.

22 And The Glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be One, even as We are One:

23 I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in One; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me.

\*["Saint Josaphat." The Magnificat, 11/12/2021. Memorial, p 156-157. Introduction, p 155. Collect, p 157.]