

Saint Pope Leo The Great (400 - 461 AD) - 11/10/2021 AD



<https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/the-pope-who-rode-out-to-confront-attila-the-hun/19001/>

As the western Roman Empire was falling from invasion by barbarians and the fabrics of their society were crumbling, and The Church was beset by division and heresies from within, GOD rose up Pope Leo I to lead GOD's people through those tubulent times.

He went so far as to bravely meet, face to face, Attila The Hun and his invading armies outside the very city gates of Rome itself, and miraculously persuaded Attila to spare the city from sacking.

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=299

Pope Leo, a Doctor of The Church, also led The Church to better understand Who JESUS CHRIST is, fully GOD, and fully Man without sin, Incarnate. "Leo was elected Pope in 440 amid widespread heresies and political strife.

In 451 he convened the Council of Chalcedon, which taught the union of Two Natures, Human and Divine, in The One Person of JESUS CHRIST. During the Council, Leo's letter, or "tome," to the Bishop of Constantinople was read aloud.

Concerning CHRIST's Incarnation, Leo wrote, "Invisible in His Own Nature, He became visible in ours. Beyond our grasp, He chose to come within our grasp. Existing before time began, He began to exist at a Moment in time.

Lord of the universe, He hid His Infinite Glory and took the nature of a Servant." Upon hearing Leo's tome, the Council Fathers exclaimed, "Peter has spoken through the mouth of Leo!"

<https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/tome-of-leo-st-leo-the-great/>

Saint Leo the Great prayed, lived, and taught The Wisdom of GOD's Word made Flesh. On That Rock he sought to build up The Faith of The Church, GOD's House, which he served as Pope." *

Redeemer JESUS CHRIST, amidst the barbaric storms around us - in our nations, our societies, our families, our own souls - shine The Light of Your Face upon us, Your Church, that we may confess, live out and testify that You alone are our Lord Eternal and Master Most High and yet so close with each breath Heaven gives us, until we behold You Above face to face.

AMEN.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0hvizFZf5Q&list=RDx0hvizFZf5Q&start_radio=1&rv=x0hvizFZf5Q&t=0

5 Let this Mind be in you, which was also in CHRIST JESUS:

6 Who, being in The Form of GOD, thought it not robbery to be equal with GOD:

7 But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him The Form of a Servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a Man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even The Death of The Cross.

9 Wherefore GOD also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a Name which is above every name:

10 That at The Name of JESUS every knee should bow, of things in Heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that JESUS CHRIST is Lord, to

The Glory of GOD - a sermon - "Remembering The Lord's Goodness"
by Pope Saint Leo The Great (400 - 461 AD)

"Every time that GOD in His Mercy sees fit to bring back the day of His Gifts, dearly beloved, there is just and reasonable cause for us to rejoice, provided that the origin of our having received the office be referred to the praise of its Source.

I realize that this observance is especially incumbent upon me. When I compare the impoverishment of my insufficiency with the greatness of The Gift I have received, I too should cry out in Those Words of the Prophet, "LORD, I have heard Your Word and was afraid; I have considered Your works and trembled." [HABAKKUK 3:2]

What indeed could instill as much anxiety and fear as labor for the frail, elevation for the lowly, dignity for the undeserving? Yet we do not despair or give up, since we do not depend on ourselves, but on "The One Who works in us." [PHILIPPIANS 2:13]

...dearly beloved, not for our own exaltation, but for The Glory of CHRIST The Lord. Therefore, dearly beloved, though we be found weak and slothful in carrying out the duties of our office - even if we want to accomplish something devoutly and energetically, we are slowed down by the very frailty of our condition - still, we have the constant Propitiation of The Omnipotent and Perpetual Priest [JESUS CHRIST].

Being at once like unto us and equal with The Father, He lowered His Divinity to the human state and lifted His Humanity up to The Divine. We rightly and piously rejoice in His arrangement because, although He has delegated the care of His Sheep to many Shepherds, He Himself has not relinquished custody of His Beloved Flock [His Body, The Church]." *

*["Saint Leo the Great." The Magnificat, 11/10/2021. Introduction, p 134-135 & 132. "Remembering The Lord's Goodness." Saint Leo the Great. Meditation of the Day, p 138-139.]