

# REV. FR. TEODOR BITA

Jan 11, 1941 - Nov 24, 2017



"THE LORD SAID...TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, HE WHO HEARS MY WORD AND BELIEVES HIM WHO SENT ME, HAS ETERNAL LIFE; HE DOES NOT COME INTO JUDGMENT, BUT HAS PASSED FROM DEATH TO LIFE." (JOHN 5:24)





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Father Teodor Bită was born in Romania during the Second World War. In 1945 Romania fell under communist rule and students were discouraged from seeking theological training. Nevertheless, in spite of persecution and with the support, blessings and encouragement of his faithful parents, the young Teodor attended the Theological Seminary of Neamt Monastery, graduating in 1960.

After teaching a few years in his home town, he auditioned for the National Opera Choir in Iassy and was hired. After completing his required military service he was admitted to the Conservatory of

Music in Bucharest and graduated in 1970 majoring in both Academic Choral Conducting and Music Theory and Composition. He then taught and conducted at the Music School in Botosani for 16 years, serving as Principal there for five of those years.

In the fall of 1986 he went to Italy for an International Piano competition with his son Gabriel (then 13 years old) and after spending six months in Rome, they were granted asylum in the United States. They arrived in Oberlin, Ohio in March 1987. His wife and daughter were able to finally join them in the US and be reunited in March 1989.

In 1988 Teodor began teaching in the public schools in Columbus, Ohio and in 1989 was admitted and began studying for his Doctoral Degree in Choral Conducting at the Ohio State University.

In 1991 Fr. Bită was ordained to the priesthood and began serving St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church in Colleyville, Texas. In 1992 he was transferred to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and has served in the Archdiocese since that time. He has served St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Fort Worth, Texas, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Wichita Falls, Texas, Holy Trinity Church in Jackson, Mississippi, the Greek Orthodox Church in Montgomery, Alabama, and the Greek Orthodox Church in Nassau, Bahamas. Father Bită retired as a full time Priest in 2010, but since then has served as interim Priest for St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Fort Worth, Texas and Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in San Angelo, Texas. Since October 2012, he is serving the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Wichita, Kansas.

Father Bită is married to Presbytera Aspasia and they have two children. Roxanne lives and works in Austin, Texas, while their son Gabriel lives and works in Denton, Texas, with his daughter Maia Georgina.



# SERVICE SCHEDULE



**Wednesday, November 29, 2017**

**VIEWING** 6:00 pm

**TRISAGION** 7:00 pm

Officiated by His Eminence Metropolitan ISAIAH of Denver

at **Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church**

414 St. Stephens School Road

Austin, TX 78746

**Thursday, November 30, 2017**

*Holy and Glorious Apostle Andrew the First-Called*

**Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church**

**Orthros** 9:00 am

**Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am

Presided by His Eminence Metropolitan ISAIAH of Denver

**FUNERAL** 11:30 am

Officiated by His Eminence Metropolitan ISAIAH of Denver

**INTERMENT**

at

**Cook-Walden | Capital Parks Funeral Home and Cemetery**

14501 North IH-35, Pflugerville, TX 78660

**MAKARIA (GRACE MEAL)**

at

**Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church**

**Pallbearers:** Jack Gatlin, Victor Daniello, Tom Rigney,  
Allen Wynn, Brian Holland, Ken Pon, William Leara





"O Lord, give rest to the soul of Fr. Teodor, the priest,  
in a place of light, in a place of green pasture,  
in a place of refreshment,  
from where pain and sorrow and mourning are fled away.  
Yes, give rest, O God, unto Your servant, Fr. Teodor, the priest,  
and appoint a place in Paradise;  
where the choirs of the Saints,  
O Lord,  
and the just will shine forth like stars;  
to Your servant that is sleeping now do You give rest,  
overlooking all offenses."