

Liturgy We Live *by Dr. Gil Haas*

Today is the feast of Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky (pronounced skër-ës-kūs'kĩ). He was born in Lithuania, in 1831 where his Jewish family sent him to rabbinical school. While studying the New Testament, he became convinced that Jesus fulfilled the Messianic prophecies. In 1854, he emigrated to America and was baptized. His choice of denomination evolved from Baptist to Presbyterian to Episcopalian. After entering General Theologic Seminary, he was sent to China as missionary following his being ordained deacon. He was ordained a priest in Shanghai. In 1861, he began translating the Bible and the BCP into Chinese. After becoming Bishop of Shanghai, he suffered partial paralysis following a stroke in 1895. Nonetheless, over the next 25 years he typed with one finger a translation of the Bible into a variety of Chinese dialects. He commented, "I have sat in this chair for over twenty years... But God knew best (keeping me) for the work for which I am best fitted." Because of this quote, he became the patron saint of the Anglican internet mailing list, known as the "cyberparish of St. Sam's." He was buried in Tokyo following his death on October 15, 1906.

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