**MARCH 28**

**The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (served on Wednesday)**

**Venerable Hilarion the New**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 4**

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

Hear me, O Lord!

*v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!*

**Tone 4 Idiomelon** *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Like the Prodigal,

I recklessly squandered my father’s riches.

Forlorn and destitute, I dwelt in a land of evil men.

In my foolishness I became like the senseless beasts,

stripped of all divine grace.

But now I have returned and cry to You,

the compassionate and merciful Father://

“I have sinned, O God, but receive me in repentance, and have mercy on

me!”

*v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.*

(Repeat: “Like the Prodigal …”)

*v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

**Tone 4** *(to the Martyrs)*

O Martyrs of the Lord,

living sacrifices, spiritual oblations,

perfect victims, sheep who know God and are known by Him,

whose fold no wolf can enter;//

pray that we too may graze with you beside still waters!

*v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

**Tone 6** *(from the Triodion, by Joseph) (Having placed all their hope)*

O Apostles, eyewitnesses of God,

rays of light from the spiritual Sun:

entreat Him to enlighten our souls and deliver us from the dark night of

passions!

Pray that we may see the day of salvation!

By your prayers and intercessions,

may our hearts, which the Evil One has wounded, be cleansed,

so that, saved by faith, we may always honor you,//

who save the world by your wise preaching.

*v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

Like the Prodigal, I wandered off into an evil land.

I recklessly squandered the riches that You gave me.

Now I pine with hunger, starved of good deeds.

Stripped of divine grace, I am clothed with the shame of sin.

I have sinned, and yet I know Your goodness.

Receive me as one of your hired servants, O compassionate Christ,//

by the prayers of the Apostles, who loved You!

*v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

**Tone 6** *(from the Triodion, by Theodore) (Clothed, O Savior)*

O Apostles of the Savior,

lights of the world, its benefactors and its saviors,

like the heavens you tell the glory of God,

adorned with stars of miracles and signs of healing.

Fervently intercede before the Lord for us,

that He may accept our prayers as incense,

and make us worthy to behold and kiss the life-giving Cross with fear!

As we venerate Your Cross, O Savior,//

send down on us great mercy in Your love for mankind!

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope on the Lord.*

**Tone 4** *(for Ven Hilarion the New) (You have given us a sign)*

O Father, you lived as an angel on earth in the flesh.

You acquired a life of chastity,

with patience, meekness and impartial love,

great abstinence, watchfulness, divine compunction,

faith, true hope, and compassion,//

O blessed Hilarion, intercessor for our souls.

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

(Repeat: “O Father, you lived as an angel …”)

*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

O venerable one,

you were an earthly angel and heavenly man,

a fountain of compunction, a stream of compassion, a deep well of

miracles.

You are surety for sinners,

an olive tree of God with the fruit of your labors fitting to anoint the

head.//

We praise you in faith, O wondrous Hilarion.

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.*

Your mind was illumined with the knowledge of God,

overcoming the passions of the flesh.

You did not participate in the things of this earth;

you bore the true imprint of divine goodness;

you were known to all to be like God

through cooperation with the Holy Spirit,//

our Father Hilarion, the adornment of the monastic life.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 4** *(Theotokion)*

With the showers of the all-holy Spirit,

bedew my thoughts, O all-pure one!

You gave birth to Christ, the Dewdrop,

Who by His compassion washes away the innumerable sins of mankind.

Dry up the spring of my passions,//

and by your supplications grant me an abundant stream of the food of life!

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

I will trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever. *(Ps 51/52:8)*

*v: Why do you boast, O mighty man, of mischief done against the godly?*

*(Ps 51/52:1)*

**Reading from Genesis (7:6-9)**

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

When the Lord turns back the captivity of His people. [let Jacob rejoice and let Israel be glad.] *(Ps 13/14:7)*

*v: The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” (Ps 13/14:1)*

**Reading from Proverbs (9:12-18)**

***(and the rest of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts***

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