

Also, on the 15th Day of December

**✠ Commemoration of the New-Hieromartyr Hilarion (Tróitskii),
Archbishop of Vereyá.**

Vespers

**After the introductory Psalm, “Blessèd is the man...,” the first Kathisma.
At “Lord, I call...,” 8 stichera,**

4 stichera in Tone 1:

O hieromartyr Hilarion, /
Thou true champion of hierarchal order in the Church, /
And a faithful assistant to Tikhon, the holy patriarch, /
Thou didst preserve the Church of God in the days of torment and oppression. /
Therefore, we sing to thee: ///
Rejoice, O hierarch of Christ, thou zealous defender of the Orthodox Faith.

Today, the city of Moscow rejoices /
For thy holy relics repose at the Monastery of the Meeting of Christ /
And celebrating this radiant feast we, the faithful, sing to thee: /
Rejoice, O holy hierarch of Christ, ///
Thou zealous defender of the Orthodox Faith.

O divinely-wise hieromartyr Hilarion, /
Thou wast enlightened by the grace of the Holy Spirit /
And didst shame the evil of this world with the message of the Cross
Thus confirming the truth of the Orthodoxy. /
Therefore, we, the faithful, sing to thee: ///
Rejoice, O hierarch of Christ, thou zealous defender of the Orthodox Faith.

By thy forbearance thou didst emulate the Lamb of God, /
And without resentment thou didst bear the sufferings of imprisonment, /
Thou didst endure torture and sickness, hunger, bitter cold and privation, /
All the while praying for thine enemies and meekly committing thy soul to Christ.
Therefore, we sing to thee, O hieromartyr Hilarion: ///
Rejoice, O hierarch of Christ, thou zealous defender of the Orthodox Faith.

And 4 stichera in Tone 4:

Enriched by God with purity of soul, /
Thou didst acquire the grace of God through fasting and prayer /
And the practice of ascetic labors, O lover of the virtues and slayer of sin, ///
Becoming truly an earthly angel and a heavenly man.

From thy youth thou didst embody the love of Christ. /
O glorious Hilarion, /
And forsaking all the beautiful things of this world /
Thou didst come to love the things of heaven and joined the monastic ranks, /
O earthly angel and heavenly man.

Receiving the illumination of divine knowledge /
That enlightened the eyes of thy heart, O wise one, /
Thou didst establish thyself as a true witness of Orthodox theology /
Confirming the canons of the Church. /
And thou didst lead all onto the path of salvation, ///
O earthly angel and heavenly man.

Beholding the ranks of the godless enemy /
Arrayed against the Christian faith /
Destroying the churches of God and slaying the faithful, /
Then with tears thou didst call upon the saints in heaven /
For the salvation of all, ///
O earthly angel and heavenly man.

Glory..., in Tone 8:

Come, all ye people, /
And with faith, let us venerate the hieromartyr Hilarion, /
And like him, let us set all our hope in the Lord; /
That, following in the steps of Christ, we may reject the ungodliness of this world; /
And let us abide in purity and faith, /
As we labor for the Lord and His holy Church, /
Enduring tribulations and sorrows to the end. /
And do thou, O holy hieromartyr Hilarion, /
Entreat Christ God for the forgiveness of our sins ///
And that He may grant us the kingdom of heaven.

Now and ever..., Dogmatic Theotokion, in Tone 8:

The King of heaven, in His love for man, /
Appeared on earth and dwelt among men /
For He received flesh from the pure Virgin. /
And after assuming it, He was born of her. /
The One Son, two natures in one person, /
So proclaiming Him as the perfect man /
By proclaiming Him as the perfect God, /
Let us confess to Christ our Lord, ///

Entreat Him, O Virgin Mother, to have mercy on our souls.

Or, if a Friday or Saturday evening, the Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week.

The Entrance and the Prokeimenon of the day.

Three Readings:

The Reading from Isaiah (43:9-13):

^{43:9}All the nations are gathered together, and princes shall be gathered out of them. Who shall declare these things, or who shall declare to you things from the beginning? Let them bring forth their witnesses and be justified, and let them hear and declare the truth. ¹⁰Be ye My witnesses, and I am a witness,” saith the Lord God, “and My servant whom I have chosen, that ye may know and believe and understand that I AM;

before Me there was none other God, and after Me shall there be none. ¹¹I am God, and beside Me there is no Savior. ¹²I have declared and have saved; I have reproached, and there was no strange god among you; ye are My witnesses, and I am the Lord God ¹³even from the beginning. And there is none that can deliver out of Mine hands; I will work, and who shall turn it back?”

The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon (4:7-15):

^{4:7} The righteous man, though he die early yet shall he be at rest. ⁸For old age is not honored for length of time, nor is it measured by number of years; but wisdom is gray hair for men, and a blameless life is ripe old age. ¹⁰There was one who pleased God and was so beloved of Him, that while living among sinners he was taken up. ¹¹He was caught up lest evil change his understanding or guile deceive his soul. ¹²For the fascination of wickedness obscures

that which is good, and roving desire perverts the innocent mind. ¹³Being so perfected in a short time, he fulfilled long years; ¹⁴for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore He took him quickly from the midst of wickedness. ¹⁵Yet this the peoples saw and did not understand, neither did they take such a thing to heart, that God’s grace and mercy are upon His holy ones, and He hath care for His elect.

The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon (Composite 5, from Chapters 4, 6, 7, 2):

When the righteous is praised, the people rejoice: For his memory is everlasting, since it is known both by the Lord and by men for his soul was pleasing to the

Lord. Therefore love wisdom, O men, and live. Desire her and be instructed: For her beginning is love and the keeping of her laws. Honor wisdom that

you may reign forever. I will tell you and not hide the mysteries of God from you. For He is the preceptor of wisdom, the corrector of the wise and the master of all thoughts and deeds. Wisdom will teach with all understanding: For in her is a Spirit, intelligent and holy, the radiance of the everlasting light and the image of the grace of God. She fashions friends of God and prophets. For she is more beautiful than the sun and above all the order of the stars; being compared with light, she is found before it. She delivered from infirmities those pleasing her and guided them on the paths of righteousness. She gave to them understanding to be holy and to preserve them from those who would ensnare them, and she granted them strength in struggles, so that all might understand that the most powerful of all is piety, and that evil might not prevail against wisdom, nor judgment pass away without convicting the wicked. ^{2:1}For the ungodly said, reasoning with themselves, ¹⁰Let us oppress the poor righteous man, let us not spare the widow nor reverence the ancient gray hairs of the aged. ¹¹Let our strength be the law of justice, for that which is feeble is found to be nothing worth. ¹²Therefore let us lie in wait for the righteous, because he is not for our turn, and he is clean contrary to our doings;

he upbraideth us with our sins against the law and ascribeth to us sins against our education. ¹³He professeth to have the knowledge of God, and he calleth himself the child of the Lord. ¹⁴He was made to reprove our thoughts. ¹⁵He is grievous unto us even to behold, for his life is not like other men's; his ways are of another fashion. ¹⁶We are esteemed of him as counterfeits; he abstaineth from our ways as from filthiness; he pronounceth the end of the just to be blessed, and maketh his boast that God is his Father. ¹⁷Let us see if his words be true, and let us prove what shall happen in the end of him ... ¹⁹Let us examine him with spite-fulness and torture, that we may know his meekness, and prove his patience. ²⁰Let us condemn him with a shameful death; for according to his words, he shall be regarded." ²¹Such things they did imagine, and were deceived, for their own wickedness hath blinded them. ²²As for the mysteries of God, they knew them not, neither hoped they for the wages of righteousness," nor did they discern that Thou alone art God, having the power of life and death: who savest in times of affliction and deliverest from every evil; who art compassionate and merciful, granting Grace to His venerable ones, and opposing the proud with His arm.

At the Litya, the sticheron of the temple, and these of the Saint, in Tone 5:

Today the assembly of the new martyrs of Russia rejoices /
 For a glorious new hieromartyr has joined its ranks — /
 Hilarion the divinely-wise hierarch /
 An unshakeable pillar of the Church and a confessor of the Faith; ///
 And the fervent intercessor for our souls.

Truely thou didst emulate the holy fathers of the Church: /
As a theologian, teaching the doctrines of the Church; /
Cleansing thy heart by the practice of the divine virtues; /
Comforting and defending the suffering people; /
Giving strength to the weak, /
And confronting the enemies of the Church. /
Therefore, O hieromartyr Hilarion, thou standest now before the Holy Trinity ///
Ever praying for the salvation of our souls.

Glory..., in Tone 1:

Thy life was a true example of thy name, O blessèd Hilarion, /
For thou didst acquire a joyful tranquility of soul; /
Thou didst acquire the peaceful love of Christ amidst the dreadful tumult of this
world; /
And rejoicing, thou didst come to stand before God in the purity of thy heart ///
Ever praying for the salvation of our souls.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:

Rejoice, O pure Mother of God, /
Rejoice, O boast of the Church, /
Rejoice, O tower of virginity and receptacle of Wisdom, /
Rejoice, O gate of salvation! /
Forsake us not who languish in the darkness of unbelief /
But enlighten the spiritual eyes of our hearts /
And vouchsafe that we may behold the light ///
Of the kingdom of heaven.

At the Aposticha, these stichera of the Saint, in Tone 6:

Having received the gift of divine grace, O Hilarion chosen by God, /
Thou didst take up thy cross and followed Christ /
Spurning all the vanities of this world, seeking eternal life. /
And rejoicing now in the kingdom of heaven in the company of all the saints, ///
Pray for the salvation of our souls.

Verse: In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.

Obedient to the will of God, thou didst take up the archpastoral staff as a cross /
And courageously confessing Christ before the ungodly in the new time of troubles, /
Thou didst prepare thyself for martyrdom. /
And rejoicing now in the kingdom of heaven in the company of all the saints, ///

Pray for the salvation of our souls.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, O you righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit, O hieromartyr father Hilarion /
Thou didst stand in the darkness and unbelief as a beacon shining with the light of
paschal joy. /

Thus thou didst come to gaze upon the never-setting Light of Divinity. /
And rejoicing now in the kingdom of heaven in the company of all the saints, ///
Pray for the salvation of our souls.

Glory..., in Tone 5:

What shall we call thee, O glorious one? /
The lover of the Orthodox Faith, /
Or an illustrious theologian? /
A defender of the beauty and majesty of the Church? /
Zealous disciple of the wisdom of the fathers? /
A courageous and golden-mouthed preacher, or a converser with the angels? /
Our words do not suffice to praise thee worthily ///
For thou art truly the confirmation of the Church and the glory of all the martyrs!

Now and ever..., in the same Tone:

Rejoice, most blessed Lady /
For thy Son hath risen from the dead /
And hath granted us life eternal.

After the blessing of the loaves, the Troparion of Saint Hilarion, in Tone 4:

O hierarch of Christ, Hilarion, /
Thou art the boast and glory of the Church of Rus', /
For having attained to wisdom divine /
With great courage thou witnessed Christ before the godless adversaries; /
And thou didst endure great torments and sufferings for His sake /
Crying out to all the faithful: ///
Without the Church there is no salvation! *(twice)*

And the Theotokion: “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...” *(once)*

Matins

At “God is the Lord...” the Troparion of the Saint, twice; Glory..., now and ever..., now and ever..., and the Theotokion, in Tone 4:

The mystery of all eternity /
Unknown even by angels /
Through thee is revealed on earth, O Mother of God, /
God incarnate by union without confusion. /
For our sake He voluntarily endured the Cross, /
By it He resurrected the first-created Adám ///
And saved our souls from death.

After the 1st Kathisma, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 6:

Thou didst not attain the gray hairs of old age, /
But didst acquire the wisdom of an elder, /
And with clarity of mind thou didst come to know God, O holy Hilarion. ///
Help us that we may also partake of wisdom divine.

Glory..., now and ever.... Theotokion in the same Tone:

O Most Holy Virgin, /
Thou Queen of heaven and earth, /
From thee came forth incarnate God the Word ///
That the world might be deified.

After the 2nd Kathisma, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 4:

Today the Sretensky monastery of the Meeting of the Lord rejoices /
As it has in thee a fervent intercessor before God: /
For, during the terrible time of trouble and godless oppression, ///
It wast preserved by thy prayers.

Glory..., now and ever.... Theotokion in the same Tone:

O Most Holy Mother of God, /
Radiant dawn of the three-fold Light, /
By thee are cities strengthened and the monasteries confirmed, /
The plans of the evil one are put to shame, /
The hearts of the faithful are enlightened with purity and love /
And the darkness of the adversary is overthrown, ///
Grant us victory over our enemies and save our souls.

Polyeley and Magnification:

We magnify thee, // O holy new-hieromartyr Hilarion / and we honor thy precious sufferings / which thou didst endure for Christ.

Selected Psalm verses:

God is our refuge and our strength.

Our help in the afflictions that come heavily upon us.

After the Polyelely, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 5:

Come, all ye people, /

And let us praise the holy hieromartyr Archbishop Hilarion, /

Who laid down his life for the holy Church of God; /

The magnificent warrior of Christ, /

Whom we, the faithful, glorify.

1st Antiphon of the 4th Tone (The Song of Ascents), "From my Youth..."

Prokeimenon, in Tone 4:

We went through fire and water, / and Thou didst lead us to place of rest.

Verse: **T**hou hast tried us with fire as silver is tried.

Let every breath praise the Lord!

Gospel: (36) Matthew 10:16-22

After Psalm 50 (51), the Post-Gospel sticheron of the Saint, Tone 6:

I am besieged by a storm of merciless passions, /

And my sins multiply my misery; /

But I cry out to thee, O hierarch Hilarion: /

Be thou my helper and come to my defense, /

Heal me and enlighten me; /

Set my soul onto the path of salvation, ///

And teach me to do the will of God.

The Canon

**The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos (*the Paraklesis*) with 6 troparia,
and the Canon of the Saint, with 8 troparia.**

Ode 1

The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos, Tone 8

Irmos: **H**aving crossed the water as though it were dry land and escaped from the wickedness of the Egyptians, the children of Israel cried aloud: Let us sing to our Redeemer and our God.

Refrain: Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Distressed by many temptations, I flee to thee, seeking salvation. O Virgin and Mother of the Word, deliver me from my burdens and afflictions.

The increase of passions troubles me and fills me with great distress. Calm my soul, O Maiden, by the peace of thy Son and God, O all-blameless one.

I implore thee who gavest birth to our Savior and God, O Virgin: deliver me from perils, for, fleeing now unto thee for refuge, I lift up both my soul and my thoughts before thee.

Ailing am I in body and soul; do thou vouchsafe me the divine visitation and thy care, O thou who alone art the Mother of God, for thou art good and the Mother of the Good One.

Canon of Saint Hilarion, Tone 6

having the acrostic: "We sing praises to Hilarion the glorious warrior of Christ."

Irmos: The children of those who were saved covered under the earth the One who in ancient times covered the persecuting tyrant with the waves of the sea; but let us, like the maidens, sing to the Lord, for He has been greatly glorified.

Refrain: O holy new-hieromartyr Hilarion pray to God for us!

O most honored hierarch Hilarion, thy life was a reflection of thy name, for thou didst bear the joy of internal prayer within thyself and manifested the joy of Pascha to all.

Having defeated the spite of thy persecutors thou didst no longer fear the torments of the evil one, O holy one, for having courageously preached Christ before the unjust judges, thou wast glorified the glory of heaven.

O venerable Hilarion, thou converser with the angels, thou didst dwell in the habitation of St. Sergius, in the monastery of the Life-creating Trinity, where thou didst cleanse thy soul with fasting and prayer and acquired the knowledge of God.

Glory...,

Possessing divine zeal, O holy hierarch Hilarion, thou didst rebuke with thy words, those who fought against God, and hating the reasoning of the heretics, thou didst drive them from the monasteries and churches, and lead those who repented back onto the path of salvation.

Now and ever...,

Theotokion: **S**ave us as we traverse the bed of the sea of this life as if it were dry land, not being tempted by any evil, for we no other help save thee, O Lady.

Katavasia from the Nativity Canon: "Christ is born, glorify Him..."

Ode 3

The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos

Irmos: O Lord, Creator of the vault of heaven and Founder of the Church, strengthen me in Thy love, for Thou art our supreme desire and the support of the faithful, O Thou who lovest mankind.

I have thee as the protection and intercession of my life, O Virgin, Mother of God. Pilot me to thy haven, O giver of blessings, O support of the faithful, O thou only all-praised one.

I pray thee, O Virgin, to dispel the tumult of my soul and the storm of my grief; for thou, O Bride of God, hast given birth to Christ, the Prince of Peace, O only immaculate one.

Pour forth on us from the wealth of thy generosity, O thou who hast brought forth the Benefactor and Cause of all good; for thou canst do all things, O blessed one of God, since thou didst bear Christ, the One mighty in power.

I am tortured by grievous sicknesses and morbid passions. Help thou me, O Virgin, for I know thee, O all-blameless one, to be an inexhaustible treasury of unfailing healing.

The Canon of the Saint

Irmos: When creation beheld Thee suspended in the place of the skull, Thou who didst suspend the whole earth immovably upon the waters, it quaked with great surprise and cried aloud: There is none holy save Thee, O Lord!

Having embraced the love of chastity from thy youth, O wondrous Hilarion, thou didst live the life of a virgin both in body and spirit; and refusing to serve creation rather than the Creator, thou didst live a truly immaterial life here on earth.

O wise Hilarion, thou earthly angel and heavenly man, thou didst truly emulate the lives of the holy fathers by laying down thy life for the Church of Christ.

O father Hilarion, as hierarch of God thou wast adorned with meekness, humility and patience, and all the more, with love, for thou didst forgive thy tormentors as did thy God and Savior on the Cross.

Having acquired the gift of the Holy Spirit and taking up thy cross, thou didst follow after Christ fulfilling the will of the Father in heaven, O blessed Hilarion, thou true worshiper of the Holy Trinity.

Theotokion: O All-holy Theotokos, thou art the ladder of heaven whereby God descended to earth; and thou leadest up to heaven our nature which lieth here below; therefore, we unceasingly magnify thee with love.

Katavasia: “To the Son, who before all time...”

The Sessional Hymn, in Tone 7:

O glorious hieromartyr Hilarion, /
Thou archpastor and true friend of Christ, /
Thou wast cast into prison for refusing to bow to the agents of the Antichrist, /
Just as the martyrs of old for refusing to offer sacrifice to idols. /
Therefore, help us to deflect the arrows of the enemy /
And destroy the snares the devil has set for us; /
That we may gaze upon Christ who was crucified for our sake ///
And may cry from the depths of our hearts: O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us!

Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:

Remember us, O Lady Theotokos, /
Our most ardent advocate and fervent intercessor; /
When thy Son and God shall sit in judgement of all the living and the dead, /
And entreat Him to forgive all our sins and iniquities, ///
That we not be deprived of the heavenly kingdom.

Ode 4

The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos

Irmos: *I have heard the mystery of Thy dispensation, O Lord; I have considered Thy works and glorified Thy Godhead.*

O Bride of God, who gavest birth to the Lord and Master, still thou the turmoil of my passions and the stormy seas of my sins.

O, bestow thy compassion on me, thy servant, out of the depths of thy tender mercy; for thou didst give birth to the Compassionate One, the Savior of all those who praise thee.

While delighting in thy gifts, O immaculate one, we sing a song of thanksgiving to thee, knowing thee to be the Mother of God.

As I lie on the bed of my pain and infirmity, do thou help me, as thou art a lover of goodness, O Ever-virgin Mary Theotokos.

Having thee as our staff and hope, and as our salvation’s unshakable defense, we are then delivered from all adversity, O thou all-praised one.

The Canon of the Saint

Irmos: *When Habákkuk foresaw Thy divine exhaustion upon the Cross, he cried out in amazement: Thou hast cut short the dominion of the mighty, O Good One, by Thine appearance in*

hell as Almighty.

Fulfilling the apostolic commission in a godless world, O divinely-wise Hilarion, thou didst fearlessly preach Christ and didst preserved the Church from the ravenous wolves who had set out to devour her.

Great is the mystery of the Church as being the Bride of Christ, which thou, O Hilarion, didst clearly perceive in the purity of thy heart and didst boldly proclaim.

Accounted worthy of the gift of heavenly love, thou didst confess the Love of God the Trinity, revealing to all the union of love that is the holy Church.

Thy firm and adamant faith enabled thee to withstand the thrashing wind of evil heresies, O Hilarion, thou champion of the fathers' doctrines and defender of our glorious Lady Theotokos as the Ever-virgin Mother of God.

Theotokion: **S**tanding before the Cross on Golgotha, the most pure Virgin cried out lamenting: Woe is me, my Child! How is it that Thou who didst suspend the whole earth upon the waters art now hanging on the Tree? Why dost Thou suffer unjustly, in Thy desire to save mankind!

Ode 5

The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos

Irmos: **E**nlighten us by Thy commandments, O Lord, and by Thine uplifted arm grant us Thy peace, O Lover of mankind.

Fill my heart with gladness, O pure Lady, with thine incorruptible joy, for thou didst bear the Cause of all Joy.

Deliver us from dangers, O pure Theotokos, who gavest birth to Eternal Redemption, and to the Peace that passes all understanding.

Dispel the darkness of my sins by the radiance of thy splendor, O Bride of God, for thou didst bear the divine and pre-eternal Light.

Heal the infirmity of my soul, O pure Lady, when thou hast deemed me worthy of thy visitation, and grant me health by thy blessed intercessions.

The Canon of the Saint

Irmos: **W**hen Isaiah beheld the Light that knows no evening, the Light of Thy divine appearance coming to us graciously, his soul, O Christ, longed for Thee in the night, and he cried: The dead shall arise from their graves, and all those on earth shall rejoice exceedingly.

O most honored hierarch Hilarion, help us to pass this dark and sorrowful life with patience and repentance that we may be vouchsafed to behold the never-setting Light.

Thou wast a good shepherd and sure guide for the pastors of Christ's Church, O Hilarion, instructing them not only in words, but in deeds and in virtues as well, by the grace given thee by God.

Thou wast filled with a joyous spirit, O Hilarion, as thou didst tread along the narrow and sorrowful path, teaching all so that they might not be deprived of the joy of the resurrection.

The brotherhood of the Sretensky monastery rejoices today glorifying thy great deeds, O archpastor Hilarion, who lifted high the holy Vladimir icon of Mother of God, and thereby earned the hatred and scorn of the godless foe.

Theotokion: **W**e ceaselessly praise thee, O Lady, and we fall down in veneration before thy most pure image, and with faith, we cry out to thee: Preserve and protect every city, village and holy habitation from the darkness of sin and from godless oppression, and save our souls.

Ode 6

The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos

Irmos: **I** will pour out my prayer before the Lord; I will make known to Him my sorrow, for my soul has been filled with afflictions, and my life has drawn near to hell, and like Jonah I will pray: O God, raise me up from corruption.

My nature, held by corruption and death, hath He saved out of death and corruption; for unto death hath He submitted Himself. Wherefore, O Virgin, do thou intercede with Him who is thy Lord and Son, to deliver me from the wickedness of the enemy.

I know thee as the protection of my life, and most safe fortress, O Virgin; disperse the horde of temptations, and drive away demonic vexation. Unceasingly I pray to thee: Deliver me from the corruption of passions!

We have acquired thee as a wall of refuge, and the perfect salvation of our souls, and a relief in afflictions, O Maiden, and we ever rejoice in thy light. O Sovereign Lady, do thou also now save us from passions and dangers.

Bedridden, I lie supine with sickness now and there is no healing for my flesh; but to thee, O good one who gavest birth to God, the Savior of the world and the Healer of infirmities, I pray: Raise me up from the corruption of illness.

The Canon of the Saint

Irmos: **J**onah was caught but not held in the belly of the whale, revealing a sign of Thee, who didst suffer and wast delivered up to burial. He came forth from the monster as from a

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chamber and spoke to the watchmen: you that watch keep guard in vain, for you have forsaken the One who is Himself mercy.

Thou, most honored hierarch, wast a great defender of order in the Church, and from the depths of thy soul thou didst cry: Let the patriarchal throne be restored so that unity may be restored in the Church.

O honored hierarch Hilarion, being filled with holy wisdom and standing before the great council, thou didst call upon it to restore the patriarchal throne and thus restore to the Church her honor and true beauty.

Let us honor Archbishop Hilarion together with Tikhon the Patriarch, for together they worthily and courageously defended the Church from the godless foes and ferocious beasts that sought to blaspheme and dishonor her.

Let us worthily praise the holy hierarch Hilarion today, O ye people, for he preserved the honor of the Church from reckless reformation and confirmed the Orthodox Faith.

Theotokion: Rejoice, O Queen of heaven, unshakeable pillar of the Church, the boast of the priesthood and the people, the impregnable bastion of the Orthodox Faith, and the confirmation of every Orthodox habitation, city and land.

Katavasia: “The sea monster cast out Jonah unharmed...”

The Kontakion of Saint Hilarion, in Tone 2:

Laying aside all the glory of this world /
Thou didst follow after Christ, along the road of glory /
And accepting the mantle of a hierarch; /
Thou didst adorn it with a crown of martyrdom. /
And standing now before the throne of God, /
Thou dost ever pray for the salvation of our souls, ///
O most wise hierarch Hilarion.

Ikos: Illumine my darkened mind with the light of divine wisdom, O Saint Hilarion, that I may worthily sing the praises of thy life: Rejoice, faithful servant of Christ God, Rejoice, true confessor of His Church, Rejoice, instructor of monastics, Rejoice, preacher of the Word of God, Rejoice, herald proclaiming the way back onto the path of salvation, Rejoice, righteous pastor exposing the lies of deceit, Rejoice, defender of the patriarch’s throne, Rejoice, repository of the teachings of the fathers of the Church. Rejoice, O Hilarion, the glory and honor of the Orthodox Church.

Ode 7

The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos

Irmos: **T**he children of Judæa who dwelt of old in Babylon trampled underfoot the flames of the furnace by their faith in the Trinity, as they sang: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers.

Having willed to accomplish our salvation, O Savior, Thou didst dwell in the womb of the Virgin, and didst show her forth unto the world as its intercessor. Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers.

Pray to Him, the dispenser of mercy whom thou didst bear, O pure Mother, and implore Him to deliver from all transgressions and defilements the souls of those who with faith cry out: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers.

A treasury of salvation and a fountain of incorruption is she who gave Thee birth; a tower of safety, and a gate of repentance hast Thou proved her to those who cry: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers.

Grant healing from physical weakness and spiritual infirmities to those who with love draw near to thy protection, O Virgin Theotokos, for thou gavest birth to Christ our Savior.

The Canon of the Saint

Irmos: **O** wonder beyond speech! He who saved the holy children from the fire of the furnace is placed as dead and without breath into the tomb for the salvation of us who sing: Blessèd art Thou, O God, our Redeemer.

If it were not for the courage of the holy new martyrs of the Russian Church, the Orthodox Faith would have been completely abolished from the Russian land, and with them, O holy hierarch Hilarion, in thy suffering didst thou cry out: Blessèd art Thou, O God our Redeemer.

Thy great spiritual deeds and accomplishments, O hieromartyr, were most well-pleasing unto God. By them, those who sought to destroy the Church of Christ were put to shame, as the faithful cried aloud: Blessèd art Thou, O God our Redeemer.

Thou wast an instructor the monastics at the Monastery of the Meeting in Moscow, and thou didst preserve it from the attacks of the impious. Now the walls of thy monastery protect thy holy relics and the monks whom thou dost teach all cry aloud: Blessèd art Thou, O God our Redeemer.

O holy hierarch Hilarion, thou glory of the Orthodox Church, vouchsafe that by thy prayers, we who are weak and sinful, may be delivered from the flames of

passion and preserved unharmed by temptations, as we cry out to the Lord: Blessed art Thou, O God our Redeemer.

Theotokion: **W**ho cannot but glorify thee, O Most Holy Virgin? For thou art the spiritual dew of heaven that extinguishes the flame of sin and fills the faithful with grace. Therefore, we cry to thee, O Lady: Deliver us from eternal condemnation, and save our souls.

Ode 8

The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos

Irmos: **The King of heaven whom the hosts of angels praise, let us praise and exalt throughout all ages.**

Disdain not those who need thy help, O Virgin, and who hymn and supremely exalt thee unto all ages.

Thou healest the infirmity of my soul and the pains of my body, O Virgin, that I may glorify thee, O pure one, unto all ages.

Thou pourest forth a wealth of healing, on those who with faith sing praises unto thee, O Virgin, and who supremely exalt thine ineffable Childbearing.

Thou drivest away the assaults of temptations, and the attacks of the passions, O Virgin; Therefore, we sing thee hymns unto all ages.

The Canon of the Saint

Irmos: **Be amazed and afraid, O heaven, and let the foundations of the earth be shaken, for lo, He who dwelleth on high is numbered among the dead and is guest for a while in a narrow tomb. You children, bless Him; you priests, sing praises; you people, exalt Him throughout all ages.**

Reading to worship in the spirit of this world, thou didst remain true to the Lamb of God and worshipped the One True God, O glorious Hilarion, and now, in heaven, thou standest before the Master of all singing: You children bless Him; you priests, sing praises; you people exalt Him throughout all ages.

When the powers of darkness arrayed themselves against the Church, then thou, O great Hilarion, thou wast filled with the power of the Spirit and with great courage feared not to confess Christ singing: You children bless Him; you priests, sing praises; you people exalt Him throughout all ages.

O the sacred and salvific night of Pascha, on which the great hierarch of Christ cried out with a loud voice from the darkness of his cell in prison at Solovki¹: Let God arise! You children bless Him; you priests, sing praises; you people exalt Him throughout all ages.

¹ The Solovétsky Monastery located in the White Sea region of northern Russia, known as "Solovki," was a major concentration camp in the Soviet Gulag during the years 1929-1939.

The blood-soaked land of the Solovétsky monastery now rejoices and is glad, for thou, O wondrous Hilarion, art honored in the great assembly of new martyrs and confessors in heaven and together with them thou dost glorify the King of glory with the song: You children bless Him; you priests, sing praises; you people exalt Him throughout all ages.

Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Lord!

Theotokion: **O** Most Holy Virgin, when thou didst go up to thy Son in heaven, thou didst not abandon us as orphans in this sorrowful world; but kept us, our villages, cities, and holy habitations under thy protecting veil, thus granting eternal life to all who sing thy praises.

We praise, bless and worship the Lord, singing and exalting Him throughout all ages.

Katavasia: “The furnace moist with dew...”

The Magnificat is sung: “My soul magnifies the Lord...”

Ode 9

The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos

Irmos: **S**aved through thee, O pure Virgin, we confess thee to be truly Theotokos, and with the choirs of angels we magnify thee.

O Virgin, who didst give birth to Christ, who doth wipe away every tear from every face: turn not away from the torrent of my tears.

O Virgin, who didst receive the fullness of joy, and didst banish the grief of sin: fill my heart with joy.

Be thou the haven and protection, the unshakable wall, the refuge, the shelter, and the joy of those who flee to thee, O Virgin.

Illuminate with the rays of thy light, O Virgin, those who piously confess thee to be the Theotokos, and banish from them the darkness of ignorance.

I am brought low by mine afflictions and infirmities, but do thou, O Virgin, heal me, bringing me from illness into health.

The Canon of the Saint

Irmos: *Lament not for Me, O Mother, seeing me in the tomb, the Son conceived in thy womb without seed, for I, shall arise and be glorified; I shall exalt with unceasing glory as God all who magnify thee with faith and love.*

When thy body was burning with fever in the Petrograd prison, thy soul was filled with joy, as if it were floating on the waters of rest; and having escaped the snares of the prince of this world, thou didst depart unto Christ.

O glorious warrior Hilarion, thou didst fearlessly confess Christ and endured the pain of torture for His sake, thus vouchsafing for thyself a blessed repose in the Lord. Therefore, we cry out to thee: Beseech thou the merciful God, that He may grant us a peaceful end and life everlasting.

O hieromartyr Hilarion, thy friends and kin heard angelic singing and the paschal ringing of the bells and they rejoiced when they learned that thy pure soul had ascended into heaven.

When they beheld thy much-suffering body in the coffin thy spiritual children lamented, and with tears they cried: Pray for us now, O righteous father, at the throne of the Lord.

Theotokion: **O** Virgin unwedded, Mother of God, deprive us not of thine aid, but entreat the merciful God to redeem us who magnify thee with faith and love.

Katavasia: “I behold a strange a strange most glorious mystery...”

The Exapostilarion of Saint Hilarion:

All the saints of the Church now joyously keep festival seeing the holy hierarch and hieromartyr Hilarion standing together with them now in prayer before the Holy Trinity.

Glory..., now and ever.... Theotokion in the same Tone:

O All-holy Theotokos, thou beautiful abode of God the Word, help us, through thine intercessions, to acquire patience and hope, and become worthy of salvation.

On the Praises, 4 stichera of the Saint, in Tone 8:

O most glorious Hilarion, /
Thou wast a teacher of true theology /
For God had graced thee with the gift of wisdom; /
Truly, thou didst follow in the footsteps of the fathers of old /
And like them, proclaimed the truth of the Church /
And enlightened the darkness of our souls, ///
Firmly establishing in them in the wisdom of the Church.

Standing before the judgement seat of the ungodly /
Courageously didst confess Christ the Lord /
And thus, strengthened the faithful in the time of trial; /

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And like them, we entreat thee, O father Hilarion, /
To help us follow in the footsteps of the Lord ///
That we may not be shamed when we shall stand before Him on Judgment Day.

O archpastor of Christ, Hilarion, worthy of all praise, /
Truly thou art filled with the power of divine grace /
And truly didst thou serve as a good pastor to thy flock /
Working tirelessly on their behalf and for the unity of the Church. /
And like them, we entreat thee, O father Hilarion, /
To be for us a good shepherd and pastor ///
And lead us with love onto the path of salvation.

Gazing upon the Cross of Christ, /
Thou didst crucify thyself to the world, /
Patiently bearing Christ's pain and suffering for His sake. /
Therefore, we entreat thee, O father Hilarion, /
To strengthen us for the crosses that we bear ///
That we may be ready to behold the unapproachable and eternal light of Divinity.

Glory..., in Tone 6:

Having purified thy heart through fasting and prayer /
And forsaking all the beauty of this world /
Thou didst confess Christ before the godless and suffered greatly for His sake. /
Thus, thou didst acquire the grace of the Holy Spirit /
And now, having boldness before Christ our God, /
We pray thee, O father Hilarion, ///
To beseech Him that our souls may be saved.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:

O Theotokos, thou art the true vine /
That has put forth the Fruit of Life. /
We pray thee, O Lady, intercede together with the Apostles and St. Hilarion ///
That mercy may be granted to our souls.

The Great Doxology and the Dismissal.

Liturgy

At the Beatitudes, 6 Troparia from the Third and Sixth Odes of the Canon of the Saint.

1. Having embraced the love of chastity from thy youth, O wondrous Hilarion, thou didst live the life of a virgin both in body and spirit; and refusing to serve creation rather than the Creator, thou didst live a truly immaterial life here on earth.

2. O wise Hilarion, thou earthly angel and heavenly man, thou didst truly emulate the lives of the holy fathers by laying down thy life for the Church of Christ.

3. O father Hilarion, as hierarch of God thou wast adorned with meekness, humility and patience, and all the more, with love, for thou didst forgive thy tormentors as did thy God and Savior on the Cross.

4. Thou, most honored hierarch, wast a great defender of order in the Church, and from the depths of thy soul thou didst cry: Let the patriarchal throne be restored so that unity may be restored in the Church.

5. O honored hierarch Hilarion, being filled with holy wisdom and standing before the great council, thou didst call upon it to restore the patriarchal throne and thus restore to the Church her honor and true beauty.

6. Let us honor Archbishop Hilarion together with Tikhon the Patriarch, for together they worthily and courageously defended the Church from the godless foes and ferocious beasts that sought to blaspheme and dishonor her.

The Troparion of Saint Hilarion, in Tone 4:

O hierarch of Christ, Hilarion, /
Thou art the boast and glory of the Church of Rus', /
For having attained to wisdom divine /
With great courage thou witnessed Christ before the godless adversaries; /
And thou didst endure great torments and sufferings for His sake /
Crying out to all the faithful: ///
Without the Church there is no salvation!

The Kontakion of Saint Hilarion, in Tone 2:

Laying aside all the glory of this world /
Thou didst follow after Christ, along the road of glory /
And accepting the mantle of a hierarch; /
Thou didst adorn it with a crown of martyrdom. /
And standing now before the throne of God, /
Thou dost ever pray for the salvation of our souls, ///
O most wise hierarch Hilarion.

Prokeimenon, Tone 1: My mouth shall speak wisdom / and the meditation of my

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heart shall be understanding. *Verse:* Hear this, all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the earth!

The Epistle: (318) Hebrews 7:26-8:2

The Alleluia, Tone 1: I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my prayer. *Verse:* Take courage, therefore, and let your hearts be strong, all ye that trust in the Lord.

The Gospel: (36) John 10:9-16

The Communion Hymn: The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings.

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