

The 6th Day of June

Commemoration of our Venerable Father Bessarion (*Vissarion*), the Wonderworker, and the Venerable Hilarion the New of the Dalmatian Monastery in Constantinople.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera,

3 stichera for St. Bessarion, in Tone 8: *To the melody: “O most glorious wonder...”*

The rays of thy virtues and the radiance of grace, /
Made thee a brilliant lamp in the desert and a light for monastics, /
O wise Bessarion. /
By them thou didst destroy the gloom of the passions /
And the darkness of wickedness; /
Therefore, deliver those who fervently honor thy divine repose ///
From every temptation and sorrow.

Emulating the strength and valor of the martyrs /
Thou didst endure great struggles /
As a wanderer in the desert. /
Thou didst stand awake for forty days in a bush of thorns; /
And made the salt water of the Red Sea sweet to drink /
Thus quenching the thirst of thy disciples'; /
And thou didst cross over the waters of the Nile with dryshod feet, ///
O all-praised father Bessarion.

We know thee to be like unto Elijah of old /
For thou didst call down the waters like rain from the sky
Through thy holy prayers and the mercy of God.
So we praise thy power and grace, O Bessarion, ///
And glorify thine invisible protection.

And 3 stichera, for St. Hilarion, in Tone 4:¹ *To the melody, “Thou hast given a sign....”*

Having acquired a chaste life, O father, /
Patience, meekness, and sincere love, /
Extreme abstinence, and standing all night in prayer, /
Divine compunction, true faith and hope, /
Thou didst live on earth as an angel in the flesh ///

¹ Cf. 28th Day of March.

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O blessèd Hilarion, intercessor for our souls.

Thou didst shine forth, O ven'rable one /
As an earthly angel and heavenly man, /
A fountain of compunction, a stream of compassion, a sea of miracles, /
The surety of sinners, a worthy and fruitful olive tree of God, /
Anointing the faces of those who faithfully praise thee ///
With the oil of thy labors, O father Hilarion.

Enlightened with divine understanding, /
Thy mind overcame bodily passions /
By not participating in earthly matters /
But bearing in thyself the imprint of divine goodness, /
Thou art seen as godlike by all through the grace of the Divine Spirit ///
O our father Hilarion, thou adornment of monastics.

Glory..., now and ever... from the Pentecostarion,

Or this Theotokion, in Tone 4:

Rejoice, thou divine radiance /
Rejoice, thou throne of the never-setting Sun /
Who shone forth with Its ineffable Light upon the world! /
Rejoice, O divine perception, shimmering with knowledge divine, /
Flashing with the lightening that enlightens the ends of the world! /
Rejoice, thou good, all-pure and golden radiance, ///
That shines the unwaning Light upon us the faithful.

The Troparion of both Saints, in Tone 4:

O God of our fathers /
Deal with us according to Thy compassion /
Take not away Thy mercy from us /
But through the prayers of our fathers ///
Guide our lives along the way of peace.

Matins

The Canon

Two Canons; the Canon of St. Bessarion, in Tone 1,
the composition of Joseph;

VENERABLE FATHER BESSARION;
VENRABLE HILARION THE NEW OF THE DALMATIAN MONASTERY

and the Canon of St. Hilarion, in Tone 8

— incomplete as of 12/2015

**After the Third Ode, the Kontakion of St. Hilarion, in Tone 2: To the melody,
“The steadfast...”**

Like a good shepherd thou didst preserve thy sheep /
In the life-bearing pasture of thy fold; /
And having piously endured much suffering and sorrow /
Thou didst accomplish great deeds, O father Hilarion the New. /
Now, thou makest thine abode amidst the joys of the heavenly Sion, ///
And we beseech thee to pray to God on behalf of us all.

**After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of St. Bessarion, in Tone 2: To the melody,
“The steadfast...”**

Emulating the angelic powers on high, O ven’rable one, /
Thou didst live the life of the birds of the air, /
And putting aside all the transitory things of this world /
Thou didst strive to attain the bounties of heaven; /
And standing now before Christ the King, O father Bessarion, ///
Interceded with Him on behalf of us all.

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