

The 4th Day of September

Commemoration of the Holy Hieromartyr Bábylas (Vavíla), Bishop of Antioch; and the Commemoration of the Holy Prophet Moses, the Eyewitness of God.

And the Commemoration of our Father among the Saints, Joasaph, Bishop of Belgorod, whose service is found following this; and the Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos, “The Unburnt Bush,” which service is also found following this. — *Both incomplete as of July 2016.*

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera:

3 stichera of the Hieromartyr, in Tone 6: *To the melody, “Having set all aside....”*

Having put on thy sacred vestments /
Dyed in the purple of thine own blood /
Thou wast able to enter into the Holy of Holies /
For thou, thyself, wast sanctified, O Bábylas, the glorious, /
And rejoicing now, resplendent in the finery of thy martyrdom, /
Thou art like an angel communing with the Holy. /
Therefore, we lovingly honor thee ///
And celebrate thy memory, O rightly blessèd one.

Fettered in irons, O Babybas, most wise, /
Thou didst walk without stumbling /
The path which leads to the city of heaven. /
And wearing thine hon’rable wounds as though they were jewels, /
Thou didst enter it as a victorious and invincible martyr, /
As one truly accomplishing wondrous and sacred deeds, /
There to sing together with the angels the Thrice-holy hymn: ///
Holy, Holy, Holy, art Thou, O consubstantial Trinity!

Tending to the reasoning sheep of thy flock /
With the staff of knowledge, /
And nourishing them with the sweetness of faith, /
Thou didst save them from the jaws of beasts /
Thus pleasing God, thy Shepherd from on-High. /
And proclaiming Him before the godless assembly /
Thou wast slaughtered like an innocent lamb, /
Together with the three youths, thy companions, /
And wast offered, rejoicing, as a pure and sweet-smelling sacrifice, ///
O wondrous hierarch Babybas.

And 3 stichera of the Prophet, in Tone 4: *To the melody, "Called from on high...."*

Having learned the mysteries of God /
And of His ineffable goodness and glory, /
Thou didst proclaim them in signs and images,
O Moses, eye-witness of God; /
And through them, thou hast brought to us the unimaginable and indescribable visions /
Of the immaterial and radiant origin of Creation. /
And having been deified through the covenant of grace /
Thou didst triumph over Pharaoh with divine power. ///
Therefore, pray to God for those who praise and honor thee.

Having excelled in the virtues /
Thou didst behold thyself in the very presence of God; /
Thou wast fully glorified in the midst of a cloud, in the shadow of a whirling wind, /
And received the tablets of the Law written by the hand of God, /
And like an angel, thou didst clearly shine with grace /
Through both thy material and thy spiritual eyes. /
With them thou didst shatter the blindness of false belief, /
And through thy words, disclosed the revelation of God to the faithful. ///
Therefore, pray to God that we may be saved.

Thou wast fully conversant /
With the fiery and divinely wrought love of God, /
O thrice-blessèd Moses, thou eye-witness of God, /
And gazing upon thy Creator, thou didst behold His back shining with glory, /
And through a cleft in the rock thou didst learn of the future divine manifestation of
the Word in the flesh. /
Therefore, like the all-wondrous and shining pillar of light /
Which proceeded gloriously before the enlightened people of God in the wilderness, ///
Thou ledest us, who praise thee with faith, to salvation.

Glory..., of the Hieromartyr, in Tone 6,

The Church hath acquired thy holy sufferings, /
As a stairway which leads on-High /
To protect her unharmed from the assaults of the mighty wolves, /
And she proclaims thy great and glorious deeds, /
And she magnifies thee and the children /
Who were slain for Christ with thee ///
O hieromartyr Bábylas, the glorious.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in Tone 6, or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone:
To the melody "On the third day...."

Pondering thy seedless conception and ineffable birth, /
The all-pure Virgin wept and cried aloud: /
'How is it that in Thy good pleasure, O my Son, /
Thou dost die unjustly nailed to the Cross.'

Or Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week if a Resurrection service.

The Aposticha is from the Octoechos, then:

Glory..., to the Hieromartyr, in Tone 6:

Standing before the tyrant's judgment seat, /
And strengthened in piety /
Thou didst cry out exclaiming: /
'Behold, here I am and the children which God hath given me!' /
With them now, wearing crowns in heaven, /
Ever pray that our souls be delivered for the snares of the enemy, ///
O hieromartyr Babylas.

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Glory..., the Troparion of the Hieromartyr, in Tone 4:

Like the apostles in character, /
A successor on their throne, O divinely-inspired one /
Through visions thou didst find thy work /
Rightly dividing the word of truth. /
Thou didst suffer for the sake of the faith /
Even to the shedding of thy blood ///
O hieromartyr Babylas, pray Christ God that our souls may be saved.

The Troparion of the Prophet Moses, in Tone 2:

We celebrate the memory /
Of Thy prophet Moses /
Through him, we implore Thee, O Lord, ///
To save our souls.

Or this Troparion of the Prophet, in Tone 4:

Thou didst ascend to the heights of virtue, /
O holy prophet Moses, /
And was found worthy of beholding the glory of God; /
Having received the grace-filled tablets of the Law /
Thou didst bear the grace of each letter inscribed on them within thyself; /
Thou art the honored boast of all the prophets ///
And a great mystery of piety.

Matins

The Canon of the Hieromartyr and that of the Prophet

— incomplete as of 7/04/2016

After the Third Ode, the Kontakion of the Prophet, in Tone 2:

The assembly of prophets rejoices with Moses and Aaron, /
For the fulfillment of their prophecy stands within our midst: /
Thy Cross, by which Thou hast saved us, shines forth today.
By their prayers, O Christ God have mercy on us.

After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of the Hieromartyr, in Tone 8:

Today the holy Church glorifies thee, O hieromartyr Babylas, /
As a preacher of piety and the confirmation of all those who witnessed for Christ; /
Since thou hast boldness before the Lord pray to Christ, O greatly suffering one, /
That He may preserve those who praise and magnify thee and grant them perfect peace.