

21st Sunday After Pentecost, Octoechos Tone 4

Our Venerable Father Hilarion the Great

GREAT VESPERS

"Blessed is the man..." is sung.

At Psalm 140

In Tone 4

10. We never cease to adore Your life-giving Cross, O Christ our God,
And we glorify Your resurrection on the third day.
For You, Almighty One, have thereby restored the corrupted nature of all
and reopened the way to heaven,
since You alone are gracious and You love mankind.

9. O Saviour, You have absolved the penalty of disobedience,
committed through the tree of Eden,
by willingly being nailed to the tree of the Cross.
As Almighty God, You descended into Hades
and broke asunder the bonds of death.
We, therefore, venerate Your resurrection from the dead,
and joyfully cry out to You:
Almighty Lord, glory to You!

8. O Lord, You have battered down the gates of Hades,
and by Your death You have dissolved the realm of death.
You have freed mankind from corruption,
bestowing life, incorruption, and Your great mercy upon the world.

7. Come, all you people,
let us sing the praises of our Saviour's resurrection on the third day.
For we have, thereby, been delivered from the invincible bonds of Hades,
and we have received incorruption, together with eternal life.
Therefore, we cry out to You
after Your crucifixion, burial, and resurrection:
Save us by Your resurrection, for You love mankind.

6. O Saviour, with the angels we sing the praises of Your resurrection on the third day.
For the very ends of the universe have, thereby, been enlightened,
and we have been saved from the deceit of the enemy.
Therefore, we cry out to You,
Almighty Saviour, Giver of Life, and Lover of Mankind:
Save us by Your resurrection.

5. O Christ our God, You have demolished the brazen gates of Hades.
You have broken asunder the bonds of death,
and lifted up the fallen human race.
Therefore, we cry out with one accord:
O Lord, Who arose from the dead, glory to You!

4. O Lord, Your birth from the Father is timeless and eternal;
Your incarnation from the Virgin is beyond the understanding of all,
and beyond the expression of our words.
Your descent into Hades and victory over Death
caused Satan and his angels to tremble with fear.
Your resurrection on the third day
brought to mankind incorruption and great mercy.

In Tone 4

3. You were meek of soul and heart,
wounded by divine love!
You withdrew from the turmoils of life by a holy ascent.
Armed with the weapon of the Cross
you advanced on the demons and waged war, most blessed one!
You wrought a crown of victory for yourself
and now you dwell in the splendor of the saints!
Together with them, ask for deliverance of sins for us,
peace and enlightenment!

2. With luminous beams of healing, glorious Father,
you brilliantly enlightened the world,
dispelling the deep darkness of infirmities!
Therefore, all acknowledge you to be another sun,
the confirmation of monastics,
guiding by the divine Spirit those who are saved!
Now we celebrate your radiant and saving memory, Hilarion,
through you receiving remission of sins.

1. You made the carnal passions subject to your reasonable soul
by abstinence, Father.
Adorned with wings of dispassion, venerable one,
you received the grace to heal,
to expel evil spirits and save those who turn to you.
Therefore, the choirs of monastics bless you,
rightly glorious one,
and all creation honors your struggles, Hilarion!

In Tone 2, Glory...

Bearing the wisdom of perfection from your youth,
and taking upon yourself the yoke of Christ, Hilarion,

you imitated the life of the godly Anthony,
emulating his virtue in many ways.
You wasted the flesh which chafed at the bit like a young stallion:
Your soul needed to tame it to finish the ascetic race!
Most blessed Father and miraculous God-bearer,
ask for purification and great mercy
for those who celebrate your memory with love!

In Tone 4, Now...

O Mother of God, because of You David the Prophet
became an ancestor of God;
he foretold and sang a joyous hymn of praise
and cried out to Him who worked wonders in you:
“The Queen stood at your right hand.”
God revealed you as a life-giving mother,
when He chose to be incarnate of you without a father.
He renewed in man His image which the passions had corrupted.
He found the lost sheep in the mountains, carried it on His shoulders,
offered it to the Father, generously numbered it among the powers of heaven,
and saved the whole world, since He is Christ of great and rich mercy.

Aposticha

In Tone 4

In being lifted upon the Cross, O Lord,
You abolished the curse which we had inherited from our ancestors.
By going down into Hades,
You freed from eternal captivity those imprisoned there,
and granted incorruption to the human race.
We, therefore, praise Your life-giving and redeeming resurrection.

The Lord reigns, He is clothed in majesty. Robed is the Lord, and girt about with strength.

By hanging on the Cross, O Almighty One,
You shook the whole creation to its foundations.
When You Yourself were laid in the grave,
You raised to life those who had been lying in the graves,
and You granted life and incorruption to mankind.
We, therefore, praise and glorify Your resurrection on the third day.

For He has made the world firm, which shall not be moved.

O Christ, the lawless people showed their ingratitude to You, their Benefactor,
by delivering You to Pilate who condemned you to be crucified.
But You willingly suffered death and burial;

and, as God, You rose by Your own power on the third day,
granting us everlasting life and great mercy.

Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, for length of days.

The women, shedding bitter tears, came to see You in Your tomb;
and not finding Your body, they lamented, saying:
O Saviour and King of All, how were You stolen?
What place holds Your life-bearing body?
An angel answered them, saying:
Do not weep, but go and proclaim that the Lord is risen,
filling our hearts with joy;
for He alone is most compassionate.

In Tone 8, Glory...

Filled with the Holy Spirit,
the venerable Hilarion vanquished the snares of the demons!
Armed with the Cross and rejoicing in it,
by his word he healed all sicknesses, passions of the soul
and every bodily infirmity.
Through his supplications, O Christ,
send us peace as the Lover of mankind!

Now...

O Virgin, You have never known wedlock,
Yet You conceived God in the flesh
in a manner which words can never describe.
You thus became the Mother of God on high.
O Immaculate Lady, receive the supplication of your servants
and grant us the cleansing of our sins.
Accept now our prayers and beseech God to save all of us.

Troparia

In Tone 4

When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel* the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* “Death has been plundered!* Christ our God is risen,** granting to the world great mercy.”

In Tone 8, Glory...

By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile,* and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance.* By the radiance of miracles you illumined the whole universe.* Our holy Father Hilarion pray to Christ our God to save our souls!

Now...

O gracious Lord, for the sake of mankind You were born of a virgin;* through Your death on the cross You conquered death;* and through Your resurrection You revealed yourself as God.* O merciful Lord, do not disdain those whom You have created with Your own hands,* but show forth Your love.