

June 6

**Commemoration of Our Venerable Father
Hilarion the Younger,
Hegumen of the Dalmatus Monastery
(5th Class)**

VESPERS

Stichera for the Apostles (Tone 1)

6. O glorious Apostles of Christ, disciples called by our God, you are teachers of the whole world! Having found the Lord, the Mediator between God and men, you were united to Him and clearly proclaimed Him throughout the world as true God and true Man.
5. O most wise Apostles of Christ, by your prayers obtain wisdom of heart for me. You are truly initiates and dispensers of Wisdom who shed the light of the Paraclete. In that Fire, burn out the corruption from my heart; make me worthy to sing of you and call you blessed.
4. O Apostles, you have seen the Word of God! Enlighten my soul which has been darkened by the passions, for your divine teachings have illumined the very limits of the universe and drive out the darkness of idolatry. Intercede now that our souls be given peace and great mercy.

For Hilarion (Tone 4)

3. Having lived an irreproachable life in patience, gentleness, compunction, unfeigned charity, self-mastery, nightlong vigils, faith, hope and compassion, you seemed to be an angel in a body on earth, O blessed father Hilarion. Intercede for our souls before God.

2. You were a heavenly man, an earthly angel, O blessed one, a fountain of compunction, a river of compassion, an ocean of miracles, a corrector of sinners, a fruitful olive tree for our God, making the faces of the faithful gleam with the oil of your labors; and they acclaim you, O venerable father Hilarion.
1. Enlightened by the knowledge of God, your spirit triumphed over the bodily passions without being stained by mire here below. But you bore the image of our King, reflecting the beauty of God so as to be in His likeness through the work of the Holy Spirit, O splendor of monks, venerable father Hilarion!
- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion

All-pure Palace of the great King, O Virgin all worthy of our hymns: I entreat you to purify my spirit, stained by so many sins. Make it an acceptable dwelling-place for the Trinity, that I, your unworthy servant, may be saved, magnifying your power and great mercy.

“O Joyful Light...” Prokimenon of Wednesday evening.

APOSTICHA (*Tone 1*)

1. The harp of the Apostles is filled with sweet harmonious music as it is played by the Holy Spirit. It banished the mysteries and worship inspired by demons. As it sang of the one and only Lord, it delivered the people from the error of idolatry, teaching them to bow down in worship before the consubstantial Trinity.

All: To You I have lifted up my eyes, to You who live in heaven.
Behold: the eyes of the servants are turned to the hands of

their masters, and the eyes of the maid-servants to the hands of their mistresses; thus do our eyes watch the Lord our God until He takes pity on us.

2. Let us praise with one accord the Apostles Peter and Paul, Luke, Matthew, Mark and John, Andrew, Thomas, Bartholomew, James, Philip and Simon. Let us direct our hymns of praise to the whole company of the Disciples!

All: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for we have been filled with shame: our soul has been filled to overflowing. May scorn befall detractors, and humiliation come to the proud.

3. O martyrs worthy of all praise, although the earth did not conceal your bodies in burial, heaven has welcomed you. The gates of Paradise were opened to you, and there you rejoice in the Tree of Life. Intercede with Christ that He grant our souls peace and great mercy!

All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion

O Virgin, most worthy of our hymns, Moses foresaw your mystery with his prophetic eyes: it was the bush which burned without being consumed; for the Fire of the Godhead did not burn your pure womb. Thus we entreat you, the Mother of our God, to grant peace to the world.

TROPARION OF HILARION (*Tone 8*)

In you, O Father Hilarion, was restored the likeness of God, for you carried your cross and followed Christ. You taught by your deeds how to spurn the body, for it passes away, and how to value the soul, for it is immortal. Wherefore your soul is forever in happiness with the angels.

- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

THEOTOKION OF THURSDAY (*Tone 8*)

O Pure Theotokos, Gate of Spiritual Life, save from dangers those who run to you with confidence to glorify your holy birth-giving for the salvation of our souls.