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Venerable Hilarion the Great

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Troparion – Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion – Tone 8

By a flood of tears thou didst make the desert fertile, and thy longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles thou didst illumine the whole universe. Our Father Hilarion, pray to Christ God to save our souls!

Kontakion – Tone 4

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion – Tone 3

Today we gather to sing hymns in thy honor, bright star causing the grace of God to shine in our hearts. Thou wast a light to those in darkness, lifting up to heaven those who cry out: // “Rejoice, Hilarion, the pride of hermits!”

Prokeimenon – Tone 4

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

Venerable Hilarion the Great

Saint Hilarion the Great was born in the year 291 in the Palestinian village of Tabatha. He was sent to Alexandria to study. There he became acquainted with Christianity and was baptized. After hearing an account of the angelic life of Saint Anthony the Great (January 17), Hilarion went to meet him, desiring to study with him and learn what is pleasing to God. Hilarion soon returned to his native land to find that his parents had died. After distributing his family’s inheritance to the poor, Hilarion set out into the desert surrounding the city of Maium.

In the desert the monk struggled intensely with impure thoughts, vexations of the mind and the burning passions of the flesh, but he defeated them with heavy labor, fasting and fervent prayer. The devil sought to frighten the saint with phantoms and apparitions. During prayer Saint Hilarion heard children crying, women wailing, the roaring of lions and other wild beasts. The monk perceived that it was the demons causing these terrors in order to drive him away from the wilderness. He overcame his fear with the help of fervent prayer. Once, robbers fell upon Saint Hilarion, and he persuaded them to forsake their life of crime through the power of his words.

Soon all of Palestine learned about the holy ascetic. The Lord granted to Saint Hilarion the power to cast out unclean spirits. With this gift of grace he loosed the bonds of many of the afflicted. The sick came for healing, and the monk cured them free of charge, saying that the grace of God is not for sale (MT 10:8).

Such was the grace that he received from God that he could tell by the smell of someone’s body or clothing which passion afflicted his soul. They came to Saint Hilarion wanting to save their soul under his guidance. With the blessing of Saint

Hilarion, monasteries began to spring up throughout Palestine. Going from one monastery to another, he instituted a strict ascetic manner of life.

About seven years before his death (+ 371-372) Saint Hilarion moved back to Cyprus, where the ascetic lived in a solitary place until the Lord summoned him to Himself.

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

Service Schedule for the week of October 21

Today – 9:00 AM Sunday School, 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall.

Today - Bowling for the Sunday School children will begin at approx. 1:00 PM.

Saturday October 27 – 11:30 AM Baptism and Chrismation of Leonardo Constantine DiDonato
5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday October 28 – 9:00 AM Sunday School, 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Weekly Giving

October 14 – 43 adults, 18 youth, \$1,610

Parish Announcements

Bible Study classes will be held every other Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM in the church basement. The next classes will be held on October 24 and November 7. All are welcome to attend!

The Colonial District Convention will be held in Daria Hall on Saturday October 27 starting at 11:00 AM. All are welcome to attend.

There will be a Senior R Club meeting today during coffee hour.

Carmine Guagenti will be Chrismated into the Orthodox faith at 9:20 AM on Sunday November 4 before Divine Liturgy. Also, Carmine and Marianne are celebrating their 25th year anniversary on the same day. A blessing of their anniversary will be held after Divine Liturgy followed by a small luncheon in Daria Hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday January 27, 2019. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council should see Father Volodymyr by mid-December. Also, current Parish Council members who are interested in re-election should submit their names to Father Volodymyr as well.

The annual Turkey Social will be held on Sunday November 11 starting at 12:30 PM. Gift item lists are on the tables in Daria Hall – if you are able to donate any items please see Nina Laushell. Food will be sold in lieu of Coffee Hour. We will appreciate dessert donations for the Turkey Social.

The church bake sale will be held on Saturday December 15 and Sunday December 16. More information to follow. As usual, homemade cookies for the cookie trays will be needed (don't forget you can bake and freeze your cookies ahead of time). We do get quite a volume of chocolate chip cookies so we need to diversify a little more! Thank you for your support of our bake sales in the past – they have been very successful. We will have flyers available late November for posting in your local grocery store or handing out to your friends and neighbors.

The Sunday School Yolka program will be held on Sunday December 16 during coffee hour.

Parents and children are reminded to please clean up the play area in Daria Hall before leaving. The area has been left messy for others to clean up, and unfortunately if this continues the play area will be dismantled.