

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the  
Third Sunday of the Great Fast  
March 27, 2011**

**Our venerable father Hilary the Younger and the holy Stephen the Wonderworker**, both of whom died in the persecution of the emperor Leo the Armenian. Hilary was hegumen of Pelekete near the Hellespont, and was a wonderworker. He was exiled with forty of his monks to a deserted place near Ephesus, where they died there in prison. (754)

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers on Sunday Afternoons in the Great Fast.*

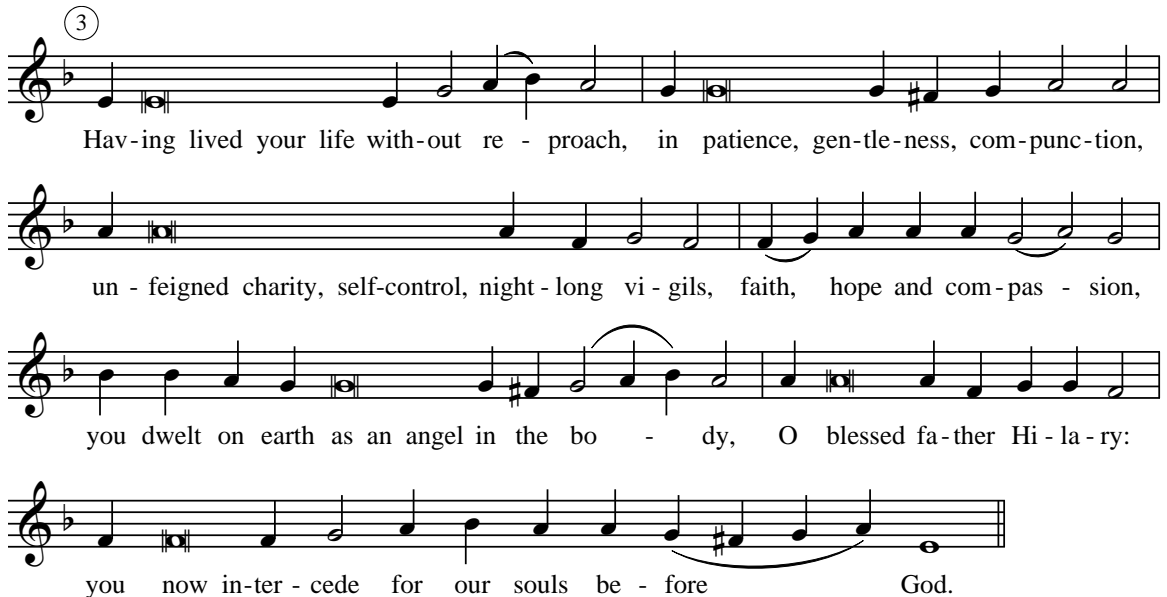
*Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 3, p. 32)*

*Stichera of the third Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 69*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of our venerable father Hilary the Younger - Tone 4 samohlasen**


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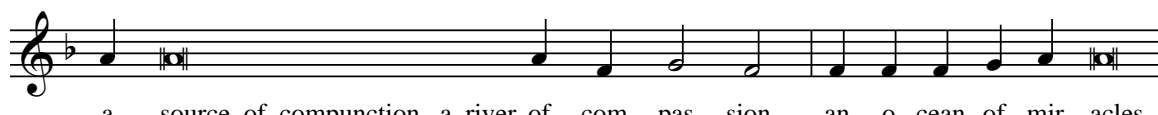
Hav-ing lived your life with-out re - proach, in patience, gen-tle-ness, com-punc-tion,  
un - feigned charity, self-control, night - long vi - gils, faith, hope and com - pas - sion,  
you dwelt on earth as an angel in the bo - dy, O blessed fa-ther Hi - la - ry:  
you now in-ter - cede for our souls be - fore God.

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations; **Psalm 116**  
(on 2) acclaim him, all you peoples!


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You were a heav - en - ly man, an earthy angel, O bles - sed fa - ther,



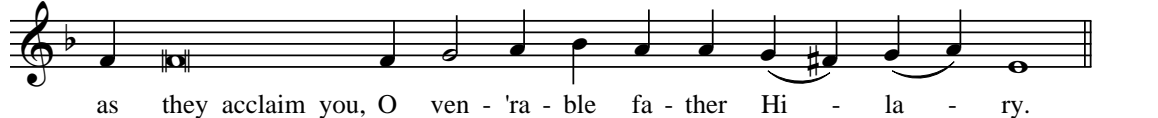
a source of compunc-tion, a river of com - pas - sion, an o - cean of mir - acles,



a corrector of sin - ners, a fer - tile ol - ive tree of our God,




mak - ing the face of the faith - ful gleam with the oil of your deeds,




as they acclaim you, O ven - 'ra - ble fa - ther Hi - la - ry.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever.


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Your spirit, radiant with the know - ledge of God, was raised above bod - il - y pas - sions,



with - out mixing in the mire here be - low, but bear - ing the im - age of God,



and reproducing the divine beau - ty in it, you did all things in order to resemble

him com-plete - ly, through the work of the Ho-ly Spi-rit, O splendor of monks,  
 O ven - 'ra - ble fa - ther Hi - la - ry.

**Cantor:** Glory...now and ever...

**Theotokion** - *Tone 4 samohlasen*

Wat - er my thoughts with the power of the Holy Spirit, O all-pure La - dy,  
 for you gave birth to Christ, the drop who by his com - pas - sion wash-es a-way  
 the infinity of human iniquity with-out num - ber, and by your prayers,  
 grant me a tor - rent of the food of life.

*The service continues on page 9.*

*Prokeimenon for the third Sunday of the Great Fast, p.10*

*Aposticha of the third Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 71*