

**MARCH 28**  
**Saturday of the Fourth Week of Great Lent**  
**Vespers alone (sung on Friday)**  
**Ven. Hilarion the New, Abbot of Pelecete**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 7**

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!  
Hear me, O Lord!  
Lord, I call upon You, hear me!  
Receive the voice of my prayer,  
when I call upon You!//  
Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise  
in Your sight as incense,  
and let the lifting up of my hands  
be an evening sacrifice!//  
Hear me, O Lord!

*v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

**Tone 7**      *(for the Martyrs, from the Octoechos in the Tone of the week)*

The martyrs drove out the darkness of godlessness,//  
by revealing to all people the light of the knowledge of God.

*v. (5) For Your name's sake have I waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

O Savior, when You come to judge all the world,  
put me not to shame,/   
though I have done shameful deeds!

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope on the Lord!*

Glory to You, O Christ God,  
the Apostles' boast, the martyrs' joy, //  
whose preaching was the consubstantial Trinity!

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

**Tone 4\***      *(for Ven. Hilarion, from the Menaion      (Thou hast given a sign))*

O Father, you lived as an angel on earth in the flesh.  
You acquired a life of chastity,  
with patience, meekness and impartial love,  
great abstinence, watchfulness, divine compunction,  
faith, true hope, and compassion, //  
O blessed Hilarion, intercessor for our souls.

*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

O venerable one,  
you were an earthly angel and heavenly man,  
a fountain of compunction, a stream of compassion, a deep well of miracles.  
You are surety for sinners,  
an olive tree of God with the fruit of your labors fitting to anoint the head. //  
We praise you in faith, O wondrous Hilarion.

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

Your mind was illumined with the knowledge of God,  
overcoming the passions of the flesh.  
You did not participate in the things of this earth;  
you bore the true imprint of divine goodness;  
you were known to all to be like God  
through cooperation with the Holy Spirit, //  
our Father Hilarion, the adornment of the monastic life.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

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\* Music for the stichera for Ven. Hilarion the New from the Department of Liturgical Music and Translations can be downloaded at [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org).

**Tone 7**      *(for the departed, by John of Damascus)*

In the beginning, You created man in Your image and likeness.  
You set him in Paradise to rule over Your creation.  
But he, deceived through the envy of the Devil,  
tasted of the fruit, transgressing Your commandments.  
For this, O Lord, You condemned him  
to return again unto the earth from which he was taken,//  
and to entreat repose.

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 7**      *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

No tongue can speak of your wonderful childbearing,  
for the order of nature was overruled by God.  
You were revealed to be a Mother above nature,  
for you remained a Virgin beyond reason and understanding.  
Your conception was most glorious, O Theotokos!  
The manner of your giving birth was ineffable, O Virgin!  
Knowing you to be the Mother of God,  
devoutly we pray to you://  
“Beseech Him to save our souls!”

**Tone 4**      **Prokeimenon**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You that lead Joseph like a flock! (Ps 79/80:1)

*v: You Who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth! (Ps 79/80:1b)*

**Reading from Genesis (12:1-7)**

**Tone 4**      **Prokeimenon**

Rejoice in God, / our helper! (Ps 80/81:1)

*v: Raise a song, sound the timbrel! (Ps 80/81:2)*

**Reading from Proverbs (14:15-26)**

## Aposticha

### Tone 7      Idiomelon *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

My soul's nobility has been enslaved to passions.  
Like a beast, I cannot lift up my eyes to You, O Most High.  
But bowing down, O Christ, I pray like the Publican and cry://  
“Have mercy on me, O God, and save me!”

*v: I lift up mine eyes to You, enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He have mercy upon us. (Ps 122/123:1-2)*

*(Repeat: “My soul’s nobility...”)*

*v: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Too long our soul has been sated with the scorn of those who are at ease, the contempt of the proud. (Ps. 122/123:3-4)*

### Tone 7      *(to the Martyrs)*

Despising all earthly things, O holy martyrs,  
and bravely proclaiming Christ in the arena,  
you received from Him the just reward  
for all your sufferings;  
and now, since you have boldness to approach Him,  
we beseech you to entreat Him as Almighty God//  
to preserve the souls of us who take refuge in you.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

### Tone 7      *(Theotokion) (from the Octoechos)*

You, who alone received Him Who cannot be contained,  
and gave birth to God the Word incarnate//  
pray that our souls may be saved!

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**Tone 2      Troparion**

O Apostles, Martyrs, and Prophets,  
Hierarchs, Holy Monks, and Righteous Ones,  
who completed well the fight and kept the faith,  
you have boldness before the Savior.  
We pray: “Intercede for us with Him, as He is good, //  
that He may save our souls!”

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

**Tone 2      Troparion**

Remember Your servants, O Lord, since You are good,  
and forgive the sins they have committed in life!  
For none is sinless but You, //  
Who give rest to the deported.

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 2      Theotokion**

O holy Mother of the ineffable Light, //  
we honor and magnify you with angelic hymns.

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