Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast
March 27, 2022

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 Evening for the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday) and the Sundays of the Great Fast.

Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 3, p. 30)
Stichera of the Fourth Sunday of the Fast, p. 77. Then:

Cantor

(on 3)

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel

indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

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

Having lived your life without reproach, in patience, gentleness, compunction,

unfeigned charity, self-control, night-long vigils, faith, hope and compassion,

you dwelt on earth as an angel in the body, O blessed father Hilary:
you now intercede for our souls before God.

Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

You were a heavenly man, an earthly angel, O blessed father,
a source of compunction, a river of compassion, an ocean of miracles,
a corrector of sinners, a fertile olive tree of our God,
making the face of the faithful gleam with the oil of your deeds,
as they acclaim you, O venerable father Hilary.

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

Your spirit, radiant with the knowledge of God, was raised above bodily passions,
without mixing in the mire here below, but bearing the image of God, and reproducing the divine beauty in it, you did all things in order to resemble him completely, through the work of the Holy Spirit, O splendor of monks, O venerable father Hilary.

The faithful STAND.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion - in the same tone

Water my thoughts with the power of the Holy Spirit, O all-pure Lady, for you gave birth to Christ, the drop who by his compassion washes away
the infinity of human iniquity without number, and by your prayers,

grant me a torrent of the food of life.


Prokeimenon for the Fourth Sunday, p. 10.

Aposticha of the Fourth Sunday, p. 79.