

## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – ST. HILARION THE GREAT

### Resurrection Troparion – TONE 2:

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, / then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. / And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, / all the Hosts of the heavens cried out: / 'O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee'.

### Resurrection Kondakion – TONE 2:

Thou didst arise from the tomb, / O all-powerful Savior, / and seeing the marvel Hades was struck with fear, / the dead arose, and creation with Adam seeing this rejoiceth with Thee, / therefore the world doth glorify Thee, my Savior.

### From the Book "Three-Hundred Sayings of the Ascetics of the Church"

*"Meekness is an unchanging state of mind, which both in honor and dishonor remains the same. Meekness consists in praying sincerely and undisturbedly in the face of afflictions from one's neighbor. Meekness is a cliff rising from the sea of irritability, against which all the that waves that strive against it break, but which is itself never broken."*

*(St. John of the Ladder, Ladder, 24.4)*

### Schedule of services for the following week:

- + Tuesday – Nov. 5 – Small Compline and Catechism from 6:30 pm.
- + Thursday – Nov. 31 – Liturgy from 9 am. St. Luke the Apostle
- + Friday – Nov. 8 – Liturgy from 9 am. – St. Demetrios
- + Friday – Nov. 8 – Paraklisis from 6:30 pm.
- + Saturday – Nov. 9 – Vespers from 6 pm.

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 2 Cor. 11: 31-12:9

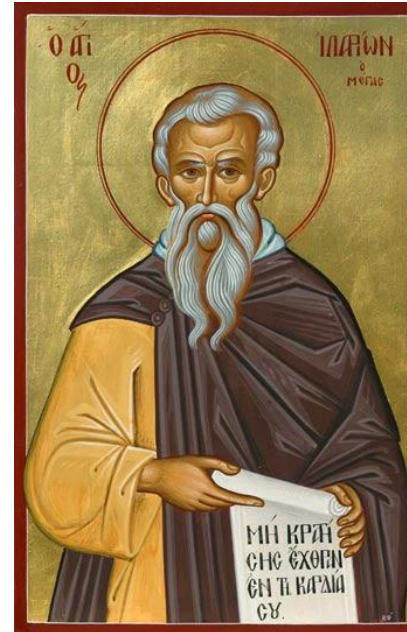
Gospel: Luke 6: 31-36.

*In Our Prayers: Anna Marie Slovesko, Peter and Monica Mikheil, Noah Martinez, Helen Gingrich, Ruth Yovanovich, Joan Babinski, Amanda Rahalewich, Alejandro Gonzalez, Jared Worley, Aida Aguirre, Nicholas, Constantine Lentz.*

*May God remember the souls of the departed servants: Miroslav Pantelich, Gregory Anstine, Jan Zaprudnik, Nenad Pantlich, Tracy Stanovic, William Yovanovich, Dorothy Kerestter, Dragoljub (Donald) Maransky, John Gingrich, Antony Vracharich, Eleonore Clay, Bob Sentz, Nicholas Dudtko, Jovanka Ebling Anthony Raymond.*

*Those that need special care: Lillian Sentz, nun Kassiani.*

### THE VENERABLE HILARION THE GREAT



Like a rose growing among thorns, this great saint was born of pagan parents in the village of Tabatha near Gaza in Palestine. His parents sent him to study in Alexandria, where the gifted youngster quickly assimilated both secular learning and spiritual wisdom. Coming to know the Lord Christ, he was baptized, and desired to dedicate himself completely to the service of the Lord. With this desire in his heart, Hilarion visited St. Anthony in the desert and became his disciple. Then he returned to his homeland and lived a life of asceticism near Maiuma, at Gaza. Demons tried to terrify him in various ways, but by prayer to God and the sign of the

Cross he always overcame them and drove them away. Many lovers of the spiritual life gathered around him. Hilarion became for Palestine what St. Anthony was for Egypt. A divine teacher, a strict ascetic and a wonderful miracle-worker, Hilarion was revered not only by Christians but also by pagans. However, fearing the praise of men and tearfully lamenting, "Woe is me, I have received my reward on earth!" he fled from place to place, to hide from men and remain alone with his soul and with God. Thus, he traveled and lived in Egypt, Sicily, Dalmatia and finally in Cyprus, where his

life of great labor came to an end in about the year 372 A.D., at the age of eighty. The miracle-working relics of St. Hilarion were translated to Palestine by his disciple Hesychius, and were placed in the monastery founded by him.

#### ***SAINT HILARION, BISHOP OF MEGLIN***

He was born of eminent and devout parents. His childless mother had long prayed to God that He grant her a child, and in accordance with her prayer, the Most-holy Theotokos appeared to her and comforted her with the words: "Do not grieve, you will give birth to a son and he will turn many to the light of truth." When Hilarion was three years old, the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth!" was constantly on his lips. He was well-educated, was tonsured a monk at age eighteen, and founded a monastery based on the Rule of St. Pachomius. In 1134 A.D., he was consecrated Bishop of Meglin by Eustathius, Archbishop of Trnovo. St. Hilarion led a great, nearly lifelong struggle against the Bogomils and the Armenian heretics. However, by his spiritual learning and unequalled sanctity he put them all to shame, and drew many of them to Orthodoxy. He reposed peacefully, and took up his abode in the Kingdom of His Lord in the year 1164 A.D.

#### ***THE VENERABLE PHILOTHEUS***

He was born in Crysopolis in Macedonia. The Turks took him from his mother, a widow, and threw him and one of his brothers into prison. The Most-holy Theotokos miraculously saved them from prison and brought them to a monastery at Neapolis in Asia Minor. Later, their mother found both of her sons as monks, and she herself was tonsured a nun. Philotheus went to Mount Athos, where he lived a life of asceticism in the Monastery of Dionysiou, and later in the desert. He was a wondrous ascetic and a great conqueror of demonic powers. He reposed peacefully at the age of eighty-four. He willed that he not be buried, but that his body be thrown into the forest for the birds and wild beasts. Later, a fisherman saw a great light in the forest on a cold night and went to warm himself, thinking it was a fire. However, the light was not from a fire, but was emanating from the wonderworking relics of St. Philotheus.

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