

THE ORDER FOR READER VESPERS
WHEN WE ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND CHURCH

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Great Lent
(sung on Friday)
Venerable Hilarion the New, Abbot of Pelecete

THE SERVICE TAKES PLACE IN FRONT OF OUR ICON CORNER

EVERYONE: O, God cleanse me a sinner and have mercy on me! (3x)

READER: Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

READER: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3 times)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy Name's sake.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

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

EVERYONE: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

READER: Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

READER: Amen. Lord have mercy (12x)

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

Come, let us worship God, Our King! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, Our King and our God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God! Come, Let us worship and fall down before Him!

THE PSALM OF CREATION (Psalm 104/103 LXX)

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, thou art very great! Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, who covers thyself with light as with a garment, who hast stretched out the heavens like a tent, who hast laid the beams of thy chambers on the waters, who makes the clouds thy chariot, who rides on the wings of the wind, who makes the winds thy messengers, fire and flame thy ministers. Thou didst set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be shaken. Thou didst cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At thy rebuke they fled; at the sound of thy thunder they took to flight.

The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place which thou didst appoint for them. Thou didst set a bound which they should not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. Thou makest springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst. By them the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.

From thy lofty abode thou waterest the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy work. Thou dost cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and fodder for the animals that serve man, That he may bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread to strengthen man's heart. The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon which he planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the badgers.

Thou hast made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. Thou makest darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep forth. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they get them away and lie down in their dens. Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until the evening.

O LORD, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, which teems with things innumerable, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan which thou didst form to sport in it. These all look to thee, to give them their food in due season. When thou givest to them, they gather it up; when thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good things. When thou hidest thy face, they are dismayed; when thou takest away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created; and thou renewest the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever, may the LORD rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke! I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the LORD, O my soul! The sun knows its time for setting. Thou makest darkness and it is night. O Lord how manifold are thy works, in wisdom hast thou made them all!

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee, O God! (3x)

THE GREAT LITANY is not said in the absence of a Priest or Deacon.
The reader continues:

READER: Lord have mercy (12x)

Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

CHOIR: Amen. Followed by: : ‘‘Lord, I call upon Thee...’’ (Tone 7)

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Hear me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Receive the voice of my prayer, when I call upon Thee!//
Hear me, O Lord! Let my prayer arise in Thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice!// Hear me, O Lord!

v. (6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

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

v. (5) For Thy name’s sake have I waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

O Savior, when Thou dost 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 Thee, 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.*

O Father, thou didst live as an angel on earth in the flesh. Thou didst acquire 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, thou wast an earthly angel and heavenly man, a fountain of
compunction, a stream of compassion, a deep well of miracles. Thou art surety
for sinners, an olive tree of God with the fruit of thy labors fitting to anoint the
head. // We praise thee in faith, O wondrous Hilarion.

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

Thy mind was illumined with the knowledge of God, overcoming the passions of
the flesh. Thou didst not participate in the things of this earth; thou didst bear
the true imprint of divine goodness; thou wast 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;

In the beginning, Thou didst create man in Thine image and likeness, setting him in Paradise to rule over Thy creation. But he, deceived through the envy of the Devil, tasted of the fruit, transgressing Thy commandments. For this, O Lord, Thou didst condemn 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 thy wonderful childbearing, for the order of nature was overruled by God. Thou wast revealed to be a Mother above nature, for thou didst remain a Virgin beyond reason and understanding. Thy conception was most glorious, O Theotokos! The manner of thy giving birth was ineffable, O Virgin! Knowing thee to be the Mother of God, devoutly we pray to thee:// Beseech Him to save our souls!

CHOIR: O Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal, Father heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. Now that we have come to the setting of the sun, and behold the light of evening, we praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit God. For meet it is at all times to worship Thee with voices of praise, O Son of God and Giver of life; therefore all the world glorifies Thee.

THE PROKEIMENON and THE OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

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READER: Let us attend!

READER: The Prokeimenon is in the 4TH Tone:

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, / Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock!

CHOIR: *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, / Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock!*

READER: Thou Who art enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!

CHOIR: *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, / Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock!*

READER: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel.

CHOIR: *Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock!*

READER: Wisdom!

READER: The Reading is from GENESIS.

READER: Let us attend.

READER: *(Reads the Reading from Genesis 12:1-7)*

Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family
And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And
you shall be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in
you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And
Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their
possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in
Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land
of Canaan.

Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth
tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land.

Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this
land." And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

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Rejoice in God, / our helper!

CHOIR: *Rejoice in God, / our helper!*

READER: Raise a song, sound the timbrel!

CHOIR: *Rejoice in God, / our helper!*

READER: Rejoice in God.

CHOIR: *Our helper!*

READER: Wisdom!

READER: The Reading is from PROVERBS.

READER: Let us attend.

READER: *(Reads the Reading from Proverbs 14:15-26)*

The simple believes every word, but the prudent considers well his steps. A wise man fears and departs from evil, but a fool rages and is self-confident.

A quick-tempered man acts foolishly, and a man of wicked intentions is hated. The simple inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

The evil will bow before the good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

The poor man is hated even by his own neighbor, but the rich has many friends. He who despises his neighbor sins; but he who has mercy on the poor, happy is he.

Do they not go astray who devise evil? But mercy and truth belong to those who devise good. In all labor there is profit, but idle chatter leads only to poverty.

The crown of the wise is their riches, but the foolishness of fools is folly. A true witness delivers souls, but a deceitful witness speaks lies.

In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge.

READER: Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.
Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name for ever. Amen.
Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on Thee.
Blessed art Thou, O Lord; teach me Thy statutes.
Blessed art Thou, O Master; make me to understand Thy commandments.
Blessed art Thou, O Holy One; enlighten me with Thy precepts.
Thy mercy endures forever, O Lord! Do not despise the works of Thy hands!
To Thee belongs worship, to Thee belongs praise, to Thee belongs glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.
Amen.

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The reader continues:

READER: Lord have mercy (12x)
Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.
CHOIR: Amen.

Aposticha

My soul's nobility has been enslaved to passions.
Like a beast, I cannot lift up my eyes to Thee, 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: To Thee I lift up mine eyes, O Thou who art 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)

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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)

Despising all earthly things, O holy martyrs, and bravely proclaiming Christ in the arena, ye received from Him the just reward for all your sufferings; and now, since ye 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.*

Thou, who alone didst receive Him Who cannot be contained,
and gavest birth to God the Word incarnate,//
pray that our souls may be saved!

After which is sung The Prayer of St. Simeon: 'Lord, now lettest...'

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

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God, Have Mercy on us.

CHOIR: Amen.

THE TROPARIA

Tone 2 Troparion

O Apostles, Martyrs, and Prophets, Hierarchs, Holy Monks, and Righteous Ones, who completed well the fight and kept the faith, ye 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,
Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Tone 2 Troparion

Remember Thy servants, O Lord, since Thou art good, and forgive the sins they have committed in life! For none is sinless but Thee, // Who givest rest to the departed.

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CHOIR: Amen.

READER: More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without defilement, You gave birth to God the Word, True Theotokos, we magnify You.

CHOIR: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Lord Bless!

READER: Through the Prayers of our Holy Fathers, through the Prayers of the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, by the Power of the Precious and Life-Creating Cross, through the protection of the Bodiless Powers of Heaven, through the prayers of Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John, through the prayers of the holy glorious and all-laudable Apostles, through the Prayers of all the North American Saints, through the prayers of _____ the patron of this Holy Temple, through the prayers of Ven. Hilarion the New, Abbot of Pelecete whom we commemorate today, of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, have mercy on us and save us.

CHOIR: Amen.

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master,
and Thy holy Resurrection, we glorify. *Prostration*

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(The faithful now come up and venerate the Precious Cross and Icons in our Icon Corner.)

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have mercy on us and save us.

CHOIR: Amen. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.