

OCTOBER 21, ST. HILARION, ABBOT

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Hilarion was born in 291 in Thabatha, south of Gaza, of pagan parents. He successfully studied rhetoric in Alexandria. It seems that he was converted to Christianity in Alexandria. After that, he shunned the pleasures of his day: theater, circus, and arena, and spent his time attending church.

According to St. Jerome, he was a thin and delicate youth of fragile health. He led a nomadic life, and he fasted rigorously, not partaking of his frugal meal until after sunset. He supported himself by weaving baskets.

Miracles were attributed to him. He cured a woman from Eleutheropolis (a Roman city in Syria Palaestina) who had been barren for 15 years. Later, he cured three children of a fatal illness, healed a paralysed charioteer, and expelled demons. He died in 371.

INTROIT Psalms 36: 30-31

Os justi meditabitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur judícium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsíus. (Ps. 36: 1) Noli æmulári in malignántibus: neque zeláveris faciéntes iniquitátem. Glória Patri et Filio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Os justi meditabitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur judícium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsíus.

COLLECT

Intercéssio nos, quæsumus, Dómine, beáti Hilarióni Abbatis comméndet: ut, quod nostris méritis non valémus, ejus patrocinio assequámur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spirítus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of Sts. Ursula & Companions.)

Da nobis, quæsumus, Dómine, Deus noster, sanctárum Virgínum et Máryrum tuárum Ursulæ et Sociárum ejus palmas incessábili devotióne venerári: ut, quas digna mente non póssumus celebráre, humílibus saltem frequentémus obséquii. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spirítus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Ecclesiasticus 45: 1-6

Diléctus Deo et homínibus, cujus memória in benedictióne est. Símilem illum fecit in glória sanctórum, et magnificávit eum in timóre inimicórum, et in verbis suis monstra placávit. Glorificávit illum in conspéctu regum, et jussit illi coram pópulo suo, et osténdit illi glóriam suam. In fide et lenitáte ipsíus sanctum fecit illum, et elégit eum; ex omni carne. Audívit enim eum et vocem ipsíus, et indúxit illum in nubem. Et dedit illi coram præcépta, et legem vitæ et disciplínæ.

GRADUAL Psalms 20: 4-5

Dómine, prævenisti eum in benedictiónibus dulcédinis: posuisti in cápite ejus corónam de lápide pretiósó. Vitam pétiit a te, et tribuisti ei longitúdinem díerum in sæculum sæculi.

LESSER ALLELUIA Psalms 91: 13

Allelúja, allelúja. Justus ut palma florébit: sicut cedrus Líbani multiplicábitur. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Matthew 19: 27-29

In illo témpore: Dixit Petrus ad Jesum: Ecce, nos reliquimus ómnia, et secúti sumus te: quid ergo erit nobis? Jesus autem dixit illis: Amen, dico vobis, quod vos, qui secúti estis me, in regeneratióne, cum séderit Fílius hóminis in sede majestátis suæ, sedébitis et vos super sedes duódecim, judicántes duódecim tribus Israél. Et omnis, qui relíquerit domum, vel fratres, aut soróres, aut patrem, aut matrem, aut uxórem, aut filios, aut agros, propter nomen meum, centuplum accípiet, et vitam ætérnam possidébit.

OFFERTORY Psalms 20: 3-4

Desidérium ánimæ ejus tribuisti ei, Dómine, et voluntáte labiórnum ejus non fraudásti eum: posuisti in cápite ejus corónam de lápide pretiósó.

SECRET

Sacris altáribus, Dómine, hóstias superpósitas sanctus Hilariónus Abbas, quæsumus, in salútem nobis proveníre depóscat. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spirítus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of Sts. Ursula & Companions.)

Inténde, quæsumus, Dómine, múnera altáribus tuis pro sanctárum Virgínum et Máryrum tuárum Ursulæ et Sociárum ejus festivitáte propósita: ut, sicut per hæc beáta mystéria illis glóriam contulisti; ita nobis indulgéntiam largiáris. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spirítus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Luke 12: 42

Fidélis servus et prudens, quem constitúit dóninus super familiam suam: ut det illis in témpore trítici mensúram.

POSTCOMMUNION

Prótegat nos, Dómine, cum tui perceptióne sacraménti beátus Hilariónus Abbas, pro nobis intercedéndo: ut et conversatiónis ejus experiámur insígnia, et intercessiόνis percipiámus suffrágia. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spirítus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

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Præsta nobis, quæsumus, Dómine: intercedéntibus sanctis Virgínibus et Martýribus tuis Ursula et Sociábus ejus: ut, quod ore contíngimus, pura mente capíamus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spirítus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

The mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak judgment: the law of his God is in his heart. (Ps. 36: 1) Be not emulous of evildoers: nor envy them that work iniquity. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. The mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak judgment: the law of his God is in his heart.

May the intercession of blessed Hilarion the Abbot commend us unto Thee, we beseech Thee, O Lord: so that what we cannot acquire by any merits of ours, we may obtain by his patronage. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our God, to venerate with unceasing devotion the victories of Thy holy virgins and martyrs, Ursula and her companions, that, though we can not worthily celebrate their merits, we may at least offer them our humble service. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Beloved of God, and men: whose memory is in benediction. He made him like the saints in glory, and magnified him in the fear of his enemies, and with his words he made prodigies to cease. He glorified him in the sight of kings, and gave him commandments in the sight of his people, and shewed him His glory. He sanctified him in his faith, and meekness, and chose him out of all flesh. For he heard Him, and His voice, and brought him into a cloud. And He gave him commandments before His face, and a law of life and instruction.

Lord, Thou hast prevented him with blessings of sweetness: Thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones. He asked life of Thee, and Thou hast given him length of days for ever and ever.

Alleluia, alleluia. The just shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus. Alleluia.

At that time, Peter said to Jesus: Behold we have left all things, and have followed thee: what therefore shall we have? And Jesus said to them: Amen, I say to you, that you, who have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit on the seat of his majesty, you also shall sit on twelve seats, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My Name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall possess life everlasting.

Thou hast given him his heart's desire, O Lord, and hast not withholden from him the will of his lips: Thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones.

May the holy Abbot Hilarion, we beseech Thee, O Lord, obtain by his prayers, that the Sacrifice laid on Thy holy altar, may profit us unto salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Favorably look down, we beseech Thee, upon the gifts laid upon Thine altars, O Lord, for the festival of Thy holy virgins and martyrs, Ursula and her companions, that, as Thou hast conferred glory upon them through these blessed mysteries, so Thou mayest bestow upon us forgiveness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

The faithful and wise servant, whom his lord setteth over his family, to give them their measure of wheat in due season.

May the pleading of blessed Hilarion the Abbot for us, as well as the reception of Thy Sacraments, protect us, O Lord, that we may both share in the glory of his works, and receive the help of his intercession. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the intercession of Thy holy virgins and martyrs, Ursula and her companions, that what we touch with our lips we may receive with pure hearts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.