

# Proper Hymns – Vespers, eve of 4 Sept 2016

**Lord, I call**

*Hieromartyr Babylas of Antioch, Tone 6*

Having dyed thy sacred vestments in thy blood,  
thou didst enter into the Holy of holies,  
in that thou wast holy,  
O glorious Babylas,  
ever manifestly enjoying deification,  
adorned and resplendent in martyrdom,  
and showing thyself to be an angel through most pure fellowship.  
Wherefore, we honour thee  
and lovingly celebrate thy most sacred solemnity,  
O right blessed one.

Fettered with irons, O venerable one,  
thou didst walk without stumbling  
the path which leadeth to the city of heaven,  
arrayed in honourable wounds as with ornaments, O Babylas most  
wise.

And entering it as a victor most true,  
an invincible martyr,  
and a most sacred performer of sacred acts,  
in a pure manner thou dost offer up with the angels the divine hymn:  
Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou,  
O consubstantial Trinity!

*Holy Prophet and Eye-Witness of God Moses, Tone 4*

Having studied the mysteries of God  
and the wonders of His ineffable beauty and glory,  
O most lauded God-seer Moses,  
thou didst proclaim them in images  
through shadows and indistinct forms.  
Wherefore, through immaterial things  
and shadowy images  
thou dost bring us the concepts of the primal origin of the divine  
Effulgence.

Having acquired deification through the promise and grace,  
as a god, O blessed one,  
thou didst triumph over Pharaoh.  
Pray thou in behalf of all who honour thee.

Thou wast conversant with the fiery and divinely wrought love of  
God,  
O thrice blessed Moses,  
beholding Him face to face, one upon the other.  
And, upon thine own Creator,  
thou didst manifestly behold His back-parts in His splendour,  
learning through a crevice in the rock  
of the future divine manifestation of the Word in the flesh.  
Wherefore, like the all-wondrous pillar which all-gloriously went  
before the divinely wise people  
thou goest before and savest those who praise thee with faith.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: (Tone 6)*

The Church hath acquired thy struggles as a stairway  
which mounteth on high,  
O hieromartyr Babylas,  
and thou dost preserve it unharmed and unassailed  
by mighty wolves;  
it proclaimeth thy mighty deeds  
and magnifieth thee  
and the children who were slain with thee for Christ,  
O blessed one.

## **Aposticha**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: (Tone 6)*

Standing before the tribunal of the tyrant  
and holding forth for piety,  
thou didst cry out: “Behold, here am I  
and the children which God hath given me!”  
Crowned with them in the heavens, O hieromartyr Babylas,  
pray thou unceasingly,  
that our souls be delivered from the snares of the enemy.