

## Vespers propers: July 20

**THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH** the Tishbite, who was a prophet of the Lord in the days of Ahab, the king of Israel and defended the rights of the one God against the unfaithful people with such a strength of spirit that he prefigured not only John the Baptist but even Christ himself. Written prophecies do not remain, but his memory is faithfully kept, especially on Mount Carmel.

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005*

*Psalm 140, Tone 1 (begins on page 24)*

Bring my soul out of this prison  
and then I shall praise *your* name.

Around me the just will assemble  
because of your goodness *to* me.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;  
Lord hear *my* voice!

Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of *my* pleading.

**Cantor:** If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

### Stichera of the Prophet Elijah

*Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov  
Samohlasen settings begin on page 14*

O all - com - pas - sion - ate Word, you car - ried Elijah the Tishbite away  
from the earth in a char - iot of fire. Through his in - ter - ces - sion,  
save us who faith - ful - ly glo - ri - fy you and who joy - ous - ly

com-mem - o - rate his feast.

**Cantor:** My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

O bless - ed E - li - jah, you en - count - ered God not in an  
earth - quake but in the cool-ness of a gen - tle breeze. O God -  
in - spired one, you went up to heaven in a won - drous way, on a char - iot  
drawn by four hor - ses. Thus you be - came a mar - vel to all of us.

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak,  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

O all - wise E - li - jah, in your burn - ing zeal for God,  
you slew the shame - ful priests with a sword. With the word of your  
mouth you dried up the clouds so that it would not rain.

You per - fect - ed Elisha by the gift of your man - tle, fill - ing him with  
 heav - en - ly gra - ces.

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
 (on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

*Tone 2 samohlasen*

The two lamp - stands, Eli - jah and E - li - sha, il - lu - mined the  
 whole world. One pre - vent - ed rain - drops from heav - en, re - proved the king,  
 and rose into heaven on a fier - y char - i - ot. The oth - er healed the  
 bar - ren wa - ters, and hav - ing re - ceived the two - fold grace, split the  
 wa - ters of the Jor - dan in two. Now they sing with the an - gels  
 and pray for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations; **Psalm 116**  
 (on 2) acclaim him all you peoples.

<sup>2</sup>  
The fier - y char - iot took you up to heaven as in a whirl - wind.

O E - li - jah the Tish - bite, God graced you with a fier-y zeal for

mir - a - cles. You were cre - a - ted in - cor - rupt - i - ble, so that you

might not see death, un - til you knew be - fore - hand the death of ev - 'ry - one.

There - fore, come and give us a warn - ing of your great ac - com - plish - ments.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on I) he is faithful forever.

<sup>1</sup>  
O proph - et E - li - jah, O lamp - stand of the Church, which has

no eve - ning, hav - ing been in - flamed with di - vine zeal, you

closed up the rain from heav - en; you were fed by a ra - ven;

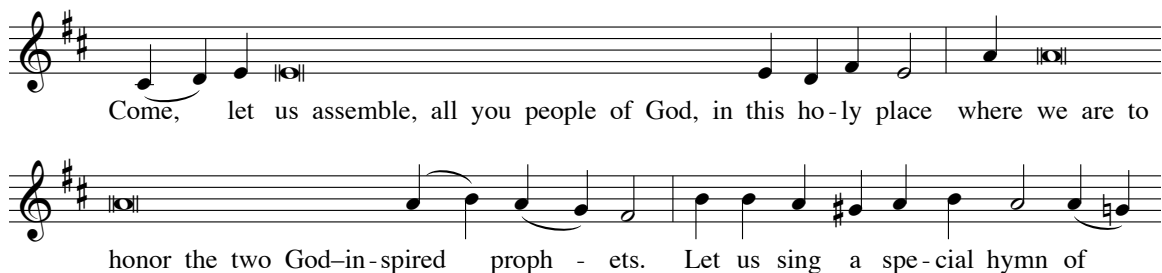
you re - proved the king and put the priests to death; you com - mand - ed



fire from heaven and slew two cap - tains; you pro - vid - ed a - bundantly  
for the widow by means of a lit - tle oil and a small hand - ful of meal;  
you res - ur - rect - ed her son by your prayer; you ig - nit - ed the  
fire in wa - ter; you crossed o - ver the currents of the Jor - dan on foot.  
In - deed, you were raised up to heaven by a fier - y char - i - ot. You  
gave a two - fold grace to E - li - sha. Pray un - ceas - ingly to God for the  
sal - va - tion of our souls.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Doxastikon of the Prophet Elijah - Tone 6**



Come, let us assemble, all you people of God, in this ho-ly place where we are to  
honor the two God-in-spired proph - ets. Let us sing a spe-cial hymn of



praise to the glo-ry of Christ God who chose them. Let us cry out in joy,  
 say - ing: Re-joice, Elijah the Great, earthly an - gel and heav'n-ly man.  
 Re-joice, O precious Elisha whom God has filled with the graces of heav - en.  
 Re-joice, O mediators and fervent in-ter-cess - ors, heal - ers of the souls and bodies  
 of the faith - ful who love Christ. De - liv - er from the attacks of the enemy  
 and from ev-'ry dan - ger all those who cel - e - brate your mem - 'ry with  
 hon - - - or.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon, Tone 6, p. 87*

*Hymn of the Evening, p. 12*

*Wednesday Prokeimenon, p. 115*

**Readings:** 1 Kings 17: 1-23  
 1 Kings 18: 1, 17, 41-46 through 19: 1-16  
 1 Kings 19:1 9-21 and 2 Kings 2: 1, and 6-14

*The service continues with the Litany of Fervent Supplication, p.13*

## Litija

### Tone 4 Bolhar

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You are a par-tak-er, O bless-ed Proph-et, of the in-cor-rupt-i-ble  
com-pa-ny of God my Sav-ior. Hav-ing di-vid-ed the  
Jor-dan by pray'r, you crossed o-ver on dry ground.  
Af-ter leav-ing a two-fold grace for E-li-sha,  
you were tak-en up in-to heav-en on a fier-y char-i-ot.  
There-fore we be-seech you, al-though you were tak-en  
up from us in the flesh, do not sep-a-rate your-self from us in spir-it,  
and al-ways pray to Christ that our souls may be saved.

②

O heav - en - ly Proph - et, you ap - peared as a shin - ing cloud,  
 rain - ing a show - er of an un - der - stand - ing of God to all the  
 faith - ful. Like a rich wine you filled with hap - pi - ness  
 the faith - ful who were pres - ent in your most di - vine tem - ple.  
 There - fore, we en - treat you, O heav - en - ly proph - et E - li - jah who  
 sees God, grant our coun - try vic - to - ry o - ver her en - e - mies  
 and great mer - cy to our souls.

③

Hav - ing com - plete con - trol of your mind, you hum - bled your bod - y,  
 O heav - en - ly proph - et E - li - jah. Thus you pre - pared for your di - vine



as - cen - tion in your heart. you took a - way the curse of God's an - ger;  
 and you de - stroyed the shame - ful priests with a sword. You taught all to  
 loud - ly cry out: Tru - ly E - li - jah preach - es the one true God.

**Cantor:** Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen**

The dis - grace - ful king com - mand - ed fast - ing in order to com - mit mur - der;  
 for af - ter the fasting, blood was shed and the law was brok - en. Na - both the  
 Jez - reel - ite was killed. Then, O Prophet, you revealed the mes - sage of the Lord:  
 Since you killed the Jezreelite man un - just - ly, like - wise your blood will  
 al - so be spilled and har - lots will bathe in your blood. O lov - er of all,  
 by the prayers of your proph - et and preach - er, de - liv - er our souls

from such in - hu - man - i - ty.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

**Theotokion**

O The - o - to - kos, you are the true vine laden with the fruit of life.

There - fore, we im - plo - re you, O La - dy, to in - tercede together

with the apos - tles and the saints so that we may ob - tain mer - cy for our souls.

*Litany of the Litija, p. 116*

**Aposticha**

*Tone 8*

Hav - ing been illuminated by a bril - liant mind, E - li - jah, the awe - some

proph - et, was heav - enly in his ac - tions. He be - came indignant when

he saw the unjust judgment of the in - fam - ous king. There - fore, by God's judgment,

E - li - jah de - nounced him. Like - wise, he delivered to God's judgment the

unmerciful queen who loved e - vil. Now, O Christ, as the mer - ci - ful One,

we ask you to save us by the prayers of E - li - jah, your proph - - - et.

*Cantor*

Mo - ses and Aaron were among his priests; Sam - u - el was a - mong those who

called up - on his name.

②  
O Proph-et, you de - clared: How long, O Lord, is the way of the infamous ones

to con-tin - ue? You plant-ed and they be-came root - ed and pro-duced

the fruit of in - i - qui - ty. In - deed, they perished because of their

shame-ful ac - tions. They cry out to you but you will not hear.

Why have you shown me the scandal of the judg-es of the law - break - ers?

*Cantor*

You are a priest for-ev - er, ac-cord-ing to the or - der of Mel-chis - e - dek.

③

O great Elijah, respected among the proph - ets, your as - cen - sion is dear to

those who cel - e - brate. By your pray'rs you deliver us from dangers and sor - rows,

and you pre - serve us from the attacks of the E - vil One. O most glo - ri - ous

Proph - et, grant that we, who are faith - ful fol - low - ers of Christ,

may al - ways ven - er - ate and bless you.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 6**

O Proph - et who foretold the com - ing of Christ, you are forever in the presence

of the glo - ry of God, and you in - tercede for those who are suf - fer - ing.

Since you serve the Maj-es-ty on High, you bless the whole world and are glo-ri-fied  
 ev - 'ry - where. Now ob - tain for us for - give-ness of our sins.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 6, p. 90*

*The service continues with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon, p. 19.*

**Troparion of the Prophet Elijah - Tone 4**

An an - gel in the flesh, the foundation of the proph - ets, and the sec - ond  
 fore-run - ner of Christ, the glo - rious Elijah from on high sent grace to  
 E - li - sha to cure sick - ness - es and cleanse lep - ers. He like-wise  
 o - verflows with healing for those who hon - or him.

**Cantor:** Glory...

*All repeat the Troparion.*

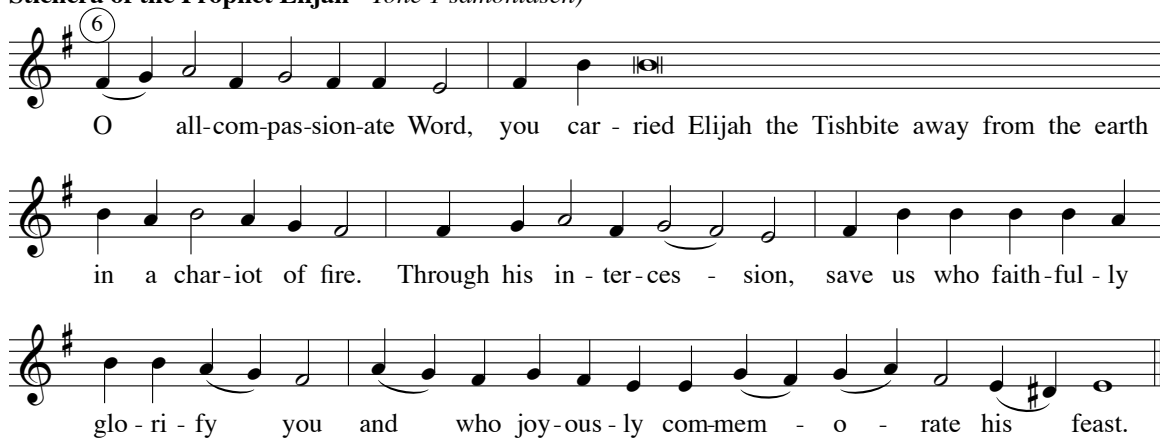
**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*"Rejoice, O Virgin," Tone 4, p. 119. The service continues with the Blessing of Bread.*

## Stichera for Psalm 140: samohlasen settings

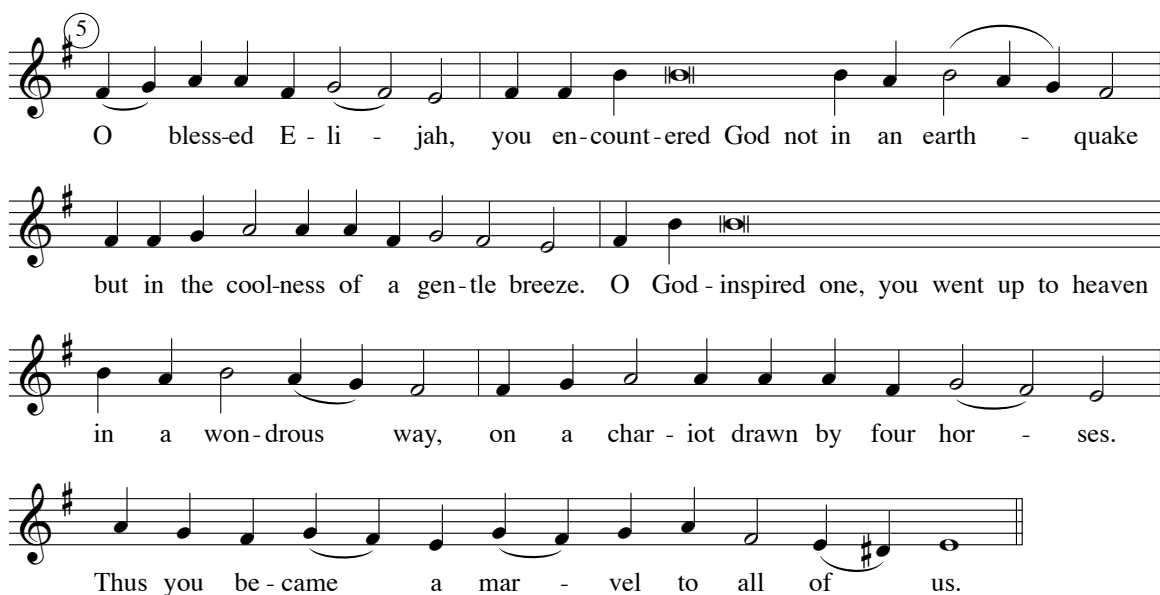
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clouds so that it would not rain. You per - fect - ed Elisha by the gift of your  
man - tle, fill - ing him with heav - en - ly gra - ces.

*Please turn to page 3 for the remaining stichera.*