

Cantor: Now and ever...

Vesper Propers, June 14, 2015  
Third Sunday after Pentecost

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 6, p. 90).*

*Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 2, p. 47).*

**The holy prophet Elisha** at Samaria or Sebaste in Palestine. He was a disciple of the prophet Elijah, and was himself a prophet in Israel from the time of King Joram to the days of Jehoash. Though his oracles do not remain, he nevertheless (by his working miracles for foreigners) announced the coming salvation for all people.

**Our holy father Methodius, patriarch of Constantinople.** While he was a monk, he betook himself to Rome to Pope St. Paschal the First in defense of the holy icons. Elevated to the episcopate, he solemnly celebrated the triumph of the orthodox faith with the restoration of the holy icons. (847)

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 36), stichera 10-7.*

Cantor  
(on 6)

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would sur - vive?  
But with you is found forgive-ness; for this we re - vere you.

**Stichera of the holy prophet Elisha - Tone 8 podobn: O preslavnaho čudese**

Hail, wise proph-et E - li - - - sha! Hav - ing pu - rified your heart of all  
car-nal pleas - ures, you glo-riously received the lights of the Spir - it  
which you ra - diantly com - mu - ni - cat - ed to all. You were to - tal - ly

trans - fig - ured in light; thus you dwell in the presence of the nev - er - set - ting Light,

and you cease - less - ly pray for us who ac - claim you.

*Cantor*  
*(on 5)*

My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watch - man for day - break.

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When E - li - jah, zeal - ous for God, the driv - er of the heav'n - ly char - i - ot,

was de - part - ing from you, O bless - ed E - li - sha, he made you shine with a

dou - ble por - tion of grace. Im - i - tat - ing his deeds, you stopped the flow

of the riv - er, then lat - er glo - ri - ous - ly set it free. You now shine in splendor

as you mag - ni - fy Christ our God.

bless - ing of the harmoni - ous glo - ry of the Old and New for those who

cel - ebrate their most fes - tive me - mo - ri - al with faith

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 2, page 42).*

### Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, page 43), concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha doxastikon of the holy prophet Elisha - Tone 6 samohlasen**

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.

wis - dom, an a-byss of love, an ever-flow-ing stream of mer - cy, a bowl  
 pouring forth the drink of com - punc - tion, a flour-ish - ing gar - den of  
 par - a - dise.

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Glory....

**Doxastikon of the holy prophet Elisha - Tone 2 samohlasen**

To - day the di - vine com - ing of the proph - ets has shone forth,  
 mys - ti - cally summon-ing the souls of those who love the feasts of the Church.  
 The one who mount-ed the chariot which crossed the heav - ens, the star of  
 the nev-er-set-ting East, to - geth-er with Elisha, the won-drous man, wid-ens the  
 streams of the new Jor - - - dan, mak-ing clear the proc - la - ma - tion of  
 pi - e - ty, and clear - ly portraying by a dou - ble im - age the two-fold

*Cantor*  
*(on 4)*  
 Let the watch-man count on day-break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.  
 For the faith - ful Shu - na - mite wom - - - an, you once ob - tained a child  
 through grace; lat - er, you raised him from the dead by your prayers, work - ing these signs  
 as God's proph - et. With salt, you pu - rified the waters that caused miscarriage, O  
 bless - ed proph - et. Thus we sing to you who work great won - ders  
 by the grace of the all - pow - er - ful Spir - - - it.

*Cantor*  
*(on 3)*  
 Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of re - demp - tion,  
 Is - rael indeed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Stichera of our holy father Methodius - Tone 8 podoben: O preslavnaho čudese

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 O fa - ther Metho - di - us, wise in God., you were like a li - on  
  
 that by the roar - ing of your all - wise teach - ings ter - ri - fied John the Gram - mar - ian,  
  
 that sly fox, for he could not endure your de - nun - ci - a - tion, and, as a  
  
 wick - ed wretch, was felled by a blow from your sword. As a cham - pion of true  
  
 be - liev - ers, there - fore, you did not leave the flock of Christ to per - ish.  
 Cantor (on 2)   
 Praise the Lord, all you na - tions, ac - claim him all you peo - ples!  
<sup>2</sup>  
  
 O Me - tho - dius, you are the confir - ma - tion of or - tho - dox - y, the shep - herd  
  
 of the Church, the a - dorn - ment of monks, a river full to o - ver - flow - ing

  
 with the wa - ters of the Spir - it, a cup pour - ing forth drink of sur - pas - sing  
  
 sweet - ness, a bea - con il - lu - min - ing the ends of the world,  
  
 a two - edged sword honed to sharp - ness by grace, which cuts down the hordes  
  
 of the un - god - - - ly.  
 Cantor (on 1)   
 Strong is the love of the Lord of us; he is faith - ful for - ev - er.  
<sup>1</sup>  
  
 O glo - rious Me - tho - di - us, you are a mod - el of con - fes - sion,  
  
 the foun - da - tion of ho - ly bish - ops, an in - stru - ment played by God  
  
 with the mel - o - dy of doc - trine, full of pi - e - ty, a dwelling - place of