

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, 2004**

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

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

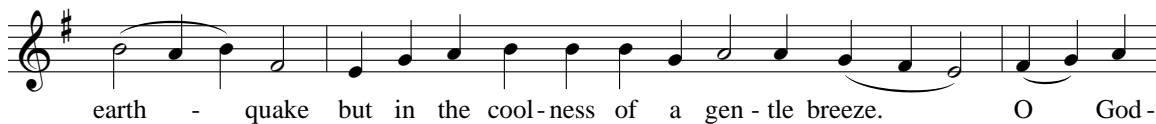


com-mem - o - rate his feast.

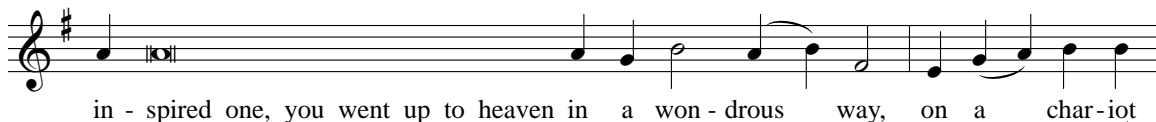
Cantor: My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.



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.

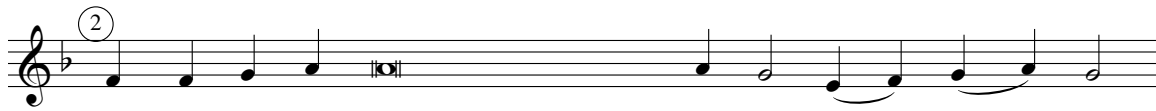
You per - fect - ed Elisha by the gift of your man - tle, fill - ing him with
 heav - en - ly gra - ces.

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.



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 1) he is faithful forever.



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



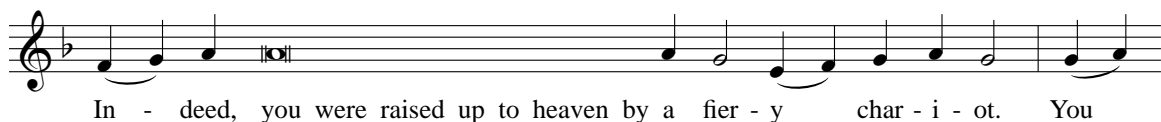
for the widow by means of a lit - tle oil and a small hand - ful of meal;



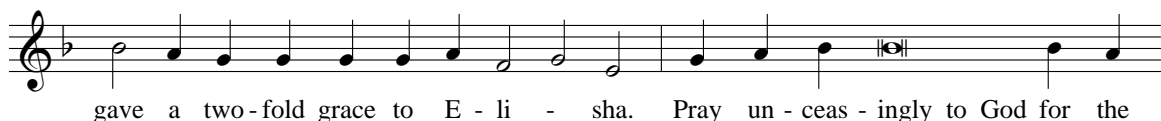
you res - ur - rect - ed her son by your prayer; you ig - nit - ed the



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



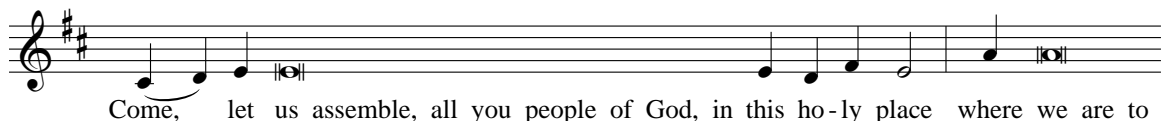
gave a two - fold grace to E - li - sha. Pray un - ceas - ingly to God for the



sal - va - tion of our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

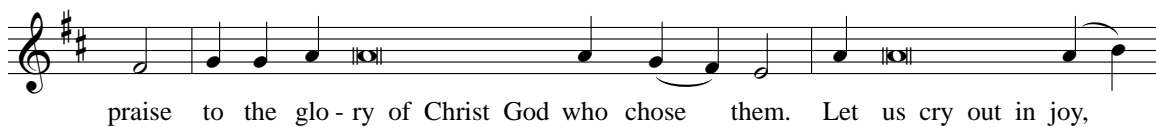
Doxastikon of the Prophet Elijah - Tone 6



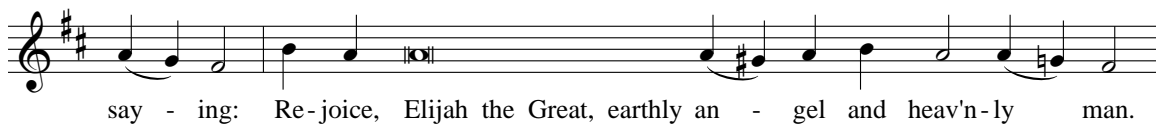
Come, let us assemble, all you people of God, in this ho - ly place where we are to



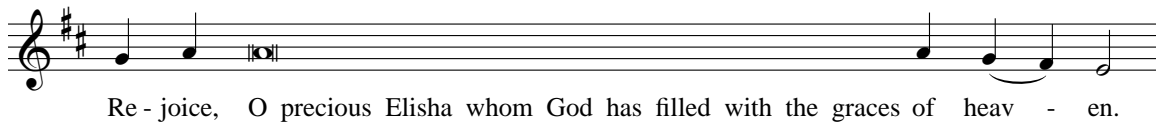
honor the two God - in - spired proph - ets. Let us sing a spe - cial hymn of



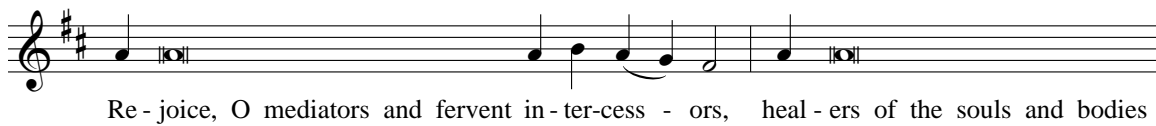
praise to the glo-ry of Christ God who chose them. Let us cry out in joy,



say - ing: Re-joice, Elijah the Great, earthly an - gel and heav'n-ly man.



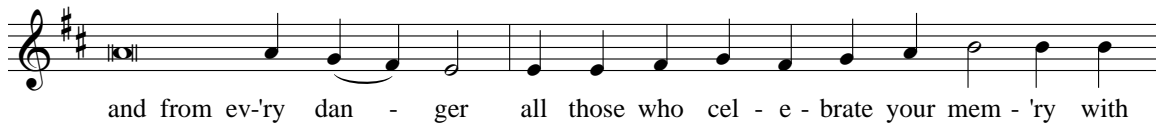
Re - joice, O precious Elisha whom God has filled with the graces of heav - en.



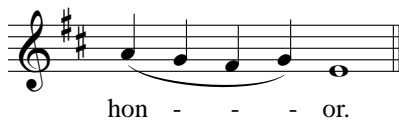
Re - joice, O mediators and fervent in - ter - cess - ors, heal - ers of the souls and bodies



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.



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.



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



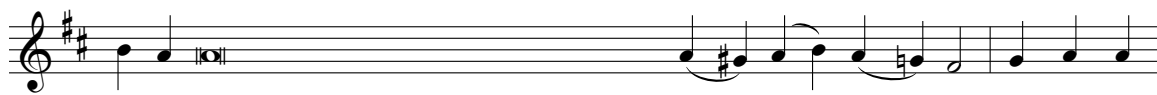
loud - ly cry out: Tru - ly E - li - jah preach - es the one true God.

Cantor: Glory...

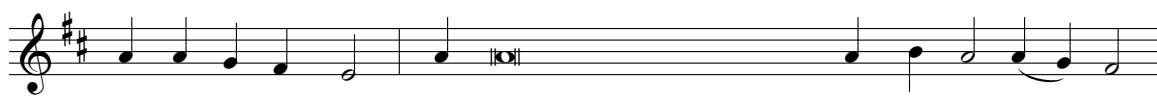
Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen



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,



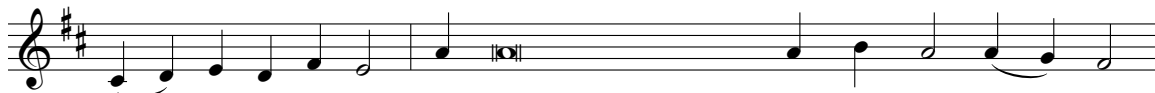
by the prayers of your proph - et and preach - er, de - liv - er our souls



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 - ter - ce - de to - get - her



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 indignat 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

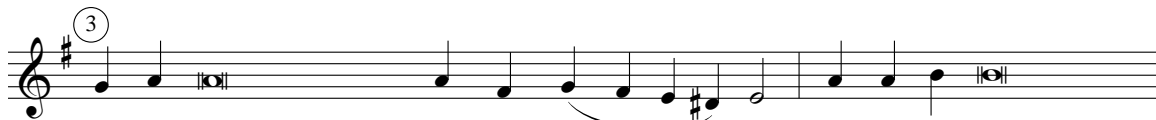
shame-ful ac - tions. They cry out to you but you will not hear.

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.



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...*

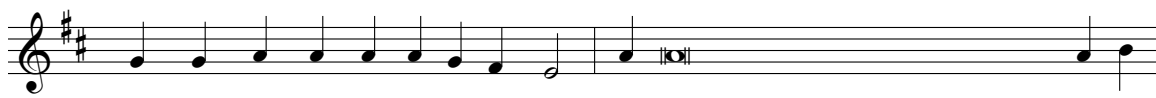
Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 6



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



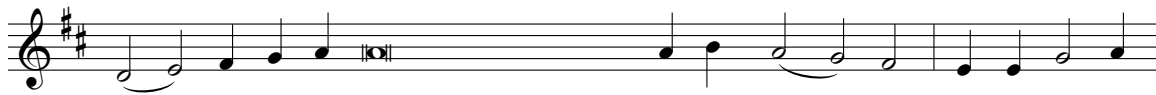
ev - 'ry - where. Now ob - tain for us for - give-ness of our sins.

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



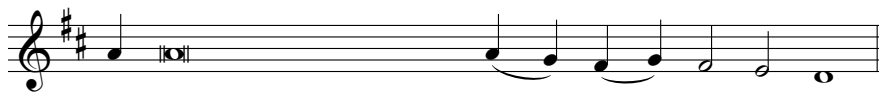
An an-gel in the flesh, the foundation of the proph - ets, and the sec-ond



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.