

**Vesper Propers, July 20, 2008**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

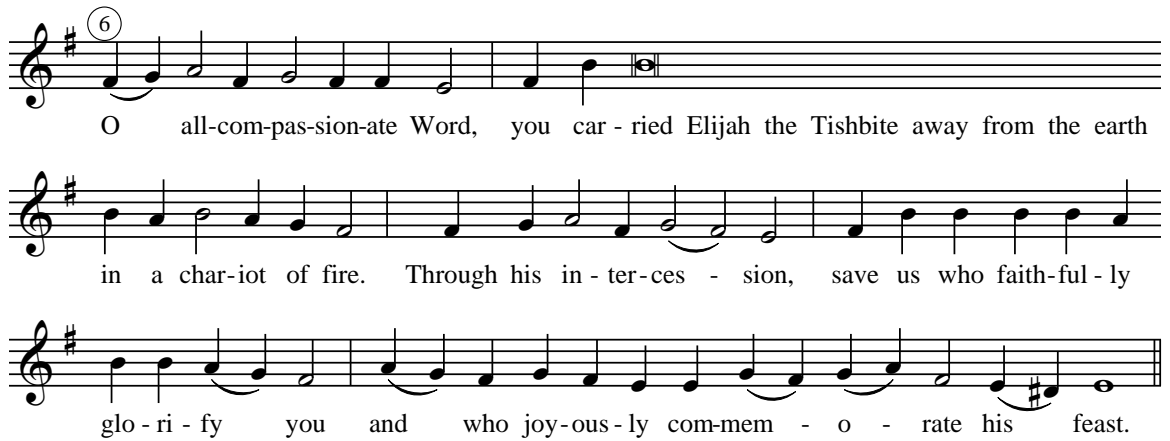
**THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH** the Tishbite, who was a prophet of the Lord in the days of Ahab, the king of Israel and defended the rights of the one God against the unfaithful people with such a strength of spirit that he prefigured not only John the Baptist but even Christ himself. Written 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*

*Tone of the Week: Tone 1 (begins on page 24), stichera 10-7*

**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 samohlasen**




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.


5




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-inspired 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.


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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



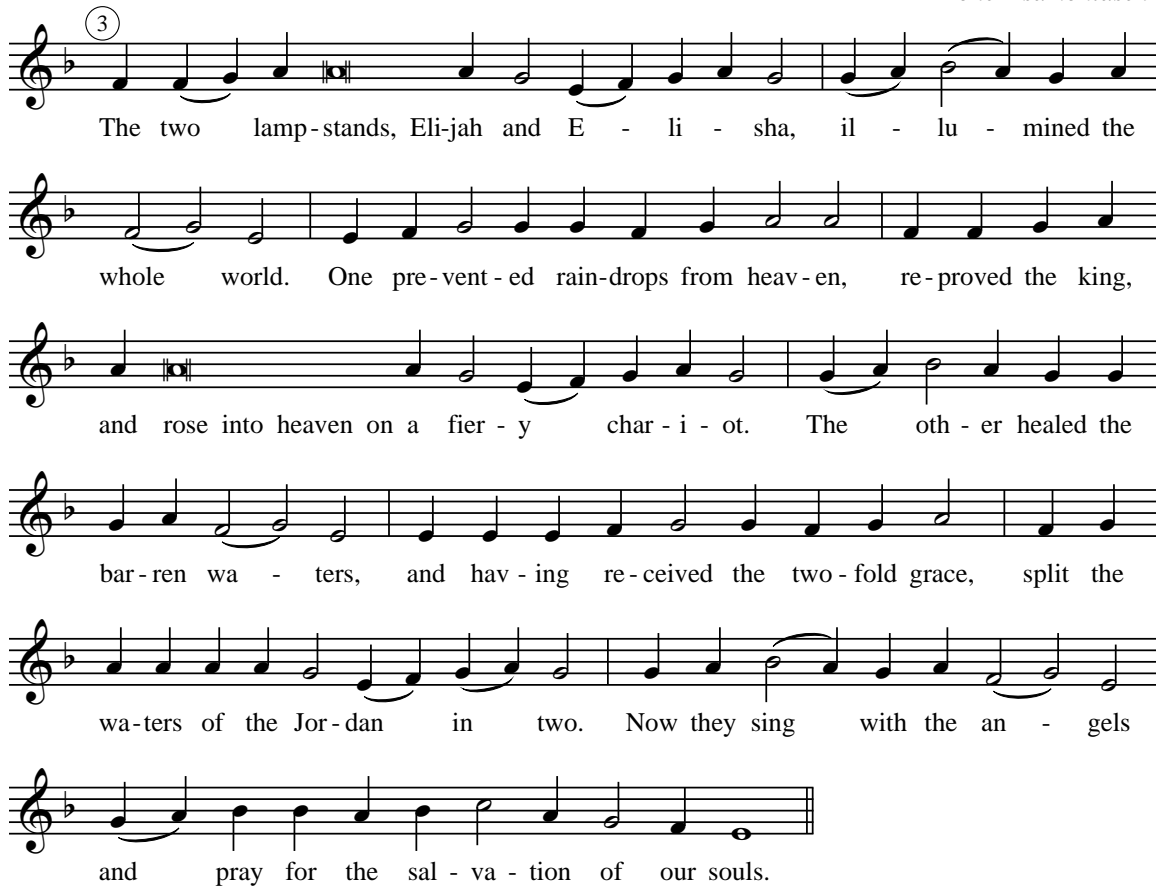
clouds so that it would not rain. You per-fect-ed Elisha by the gift of your



man - tle, fill - ing him with heav - en - ly gra - ces.

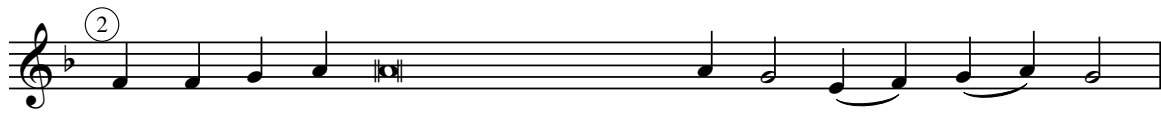
**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

*Tone 2 samohlasen*



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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



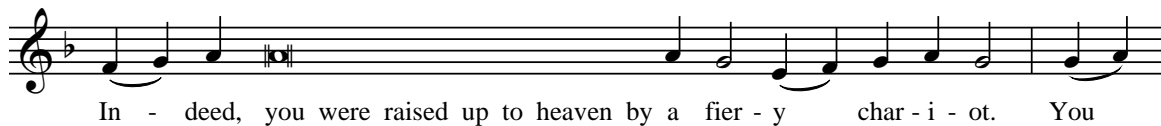
for the widow by means of a lit - tle oil and a small hand - ful of meal;



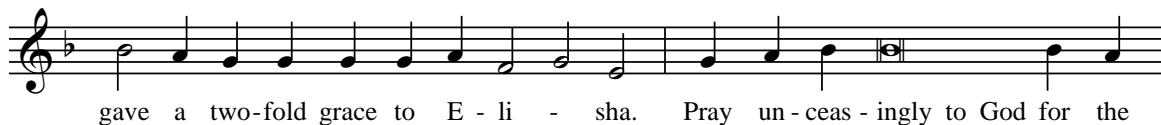
you res - ur - rect - ed her son by your prayer; you ig - nit - ed the



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



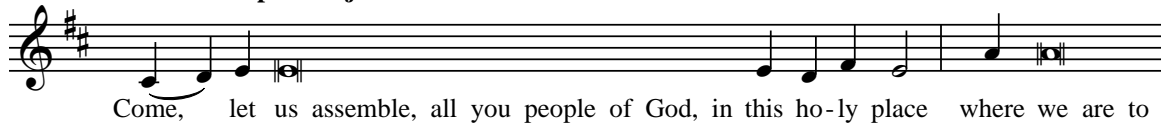
gave a two-fold grace to E - li - sha. Pray un - ceas - ingly to God for the



sal - va - tion of our souls.

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

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




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



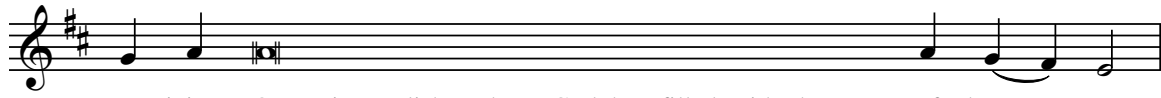
honor the two God - in - spired proph - ets. Let us sing a spe - cial hymn of



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



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



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



Re - joyce, 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:** (Tone 1) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 87)*

**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

# Litija

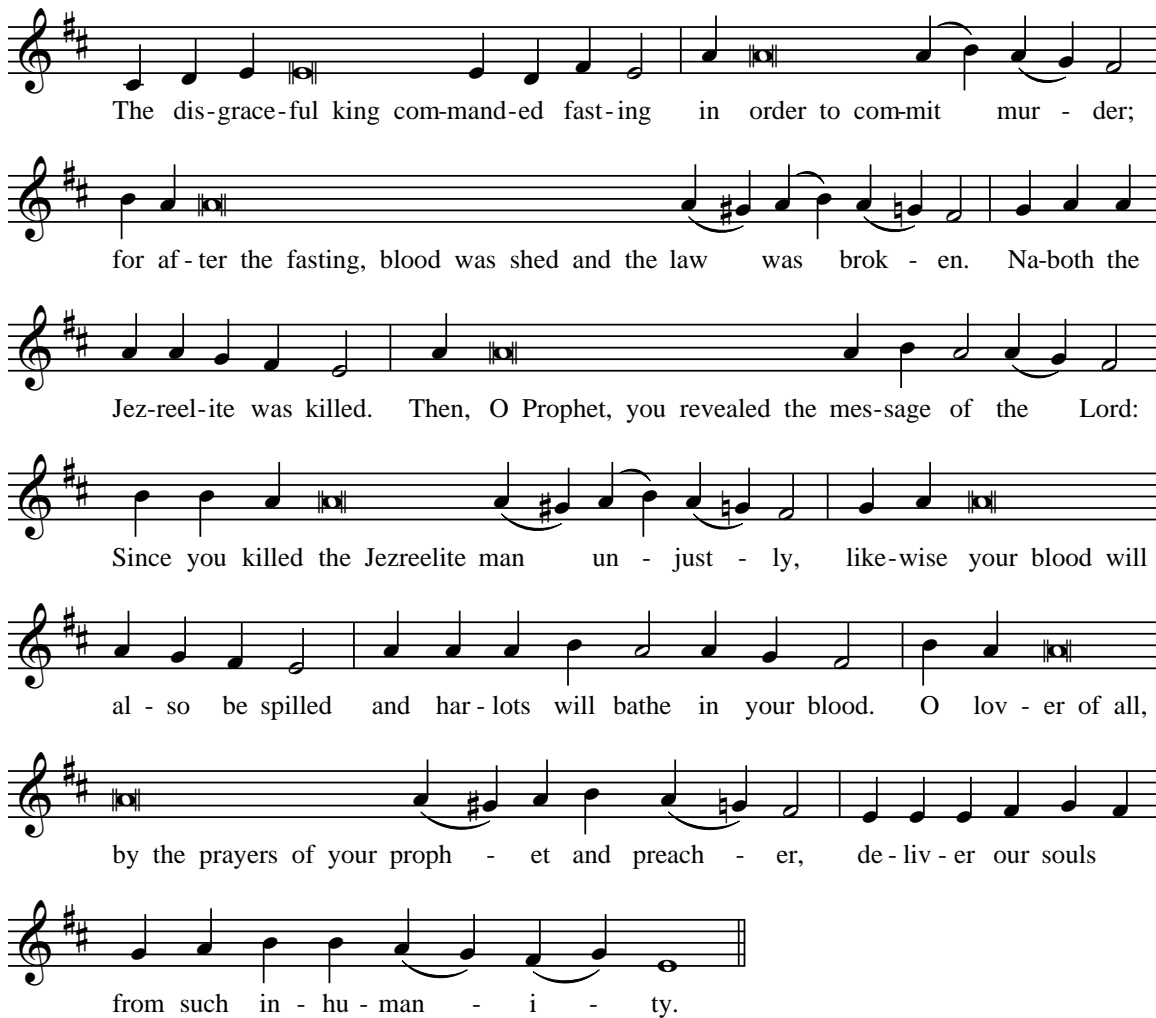
*Tone 4 Bolhar*

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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.

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

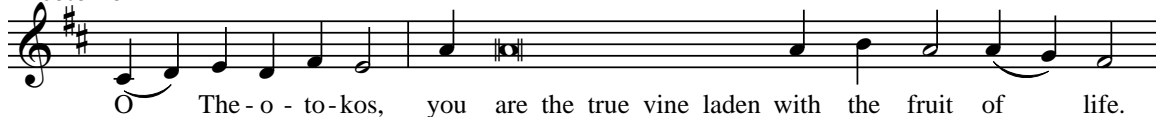
**Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen**



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-plore 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 in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1), page 31, concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha Doxastikon of the Prophet Elijah - 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.

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

*Aposticha theotokion of Saturday in Tone 6, page 90*

## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1), page 57*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory to the Father....

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:** Now and ever....

*Festal Theotokion in the same Tone (Tone 4), page 68*