

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

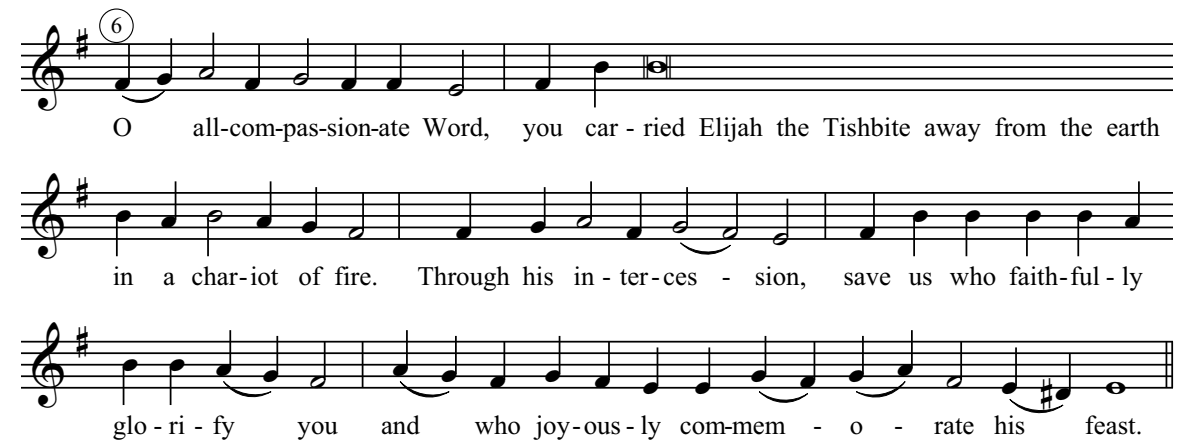
**THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH** the Tishbite, who was a prophet of the Lord in the days of Ahab, the king of Israel and defended the rights of the one God against the unfaithful people with such a strength of spirit that he prefigured not only John the Baptist but even Christ himself. Written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

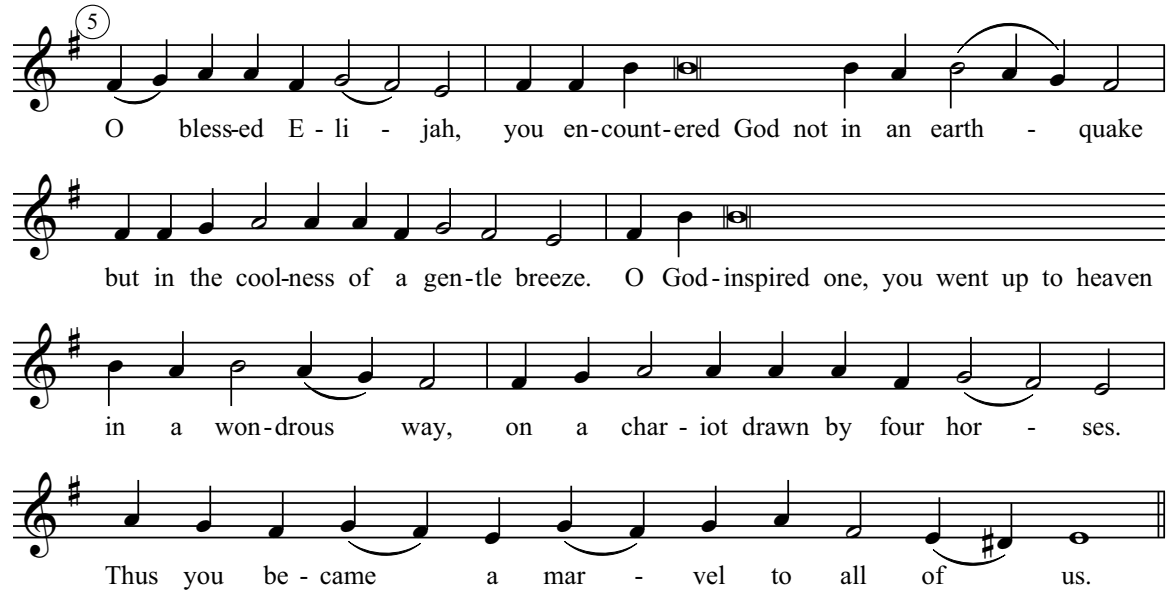
**Cantor:** If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

**Stichera of the Prophet Elijah - Tone 1 samohlasen**



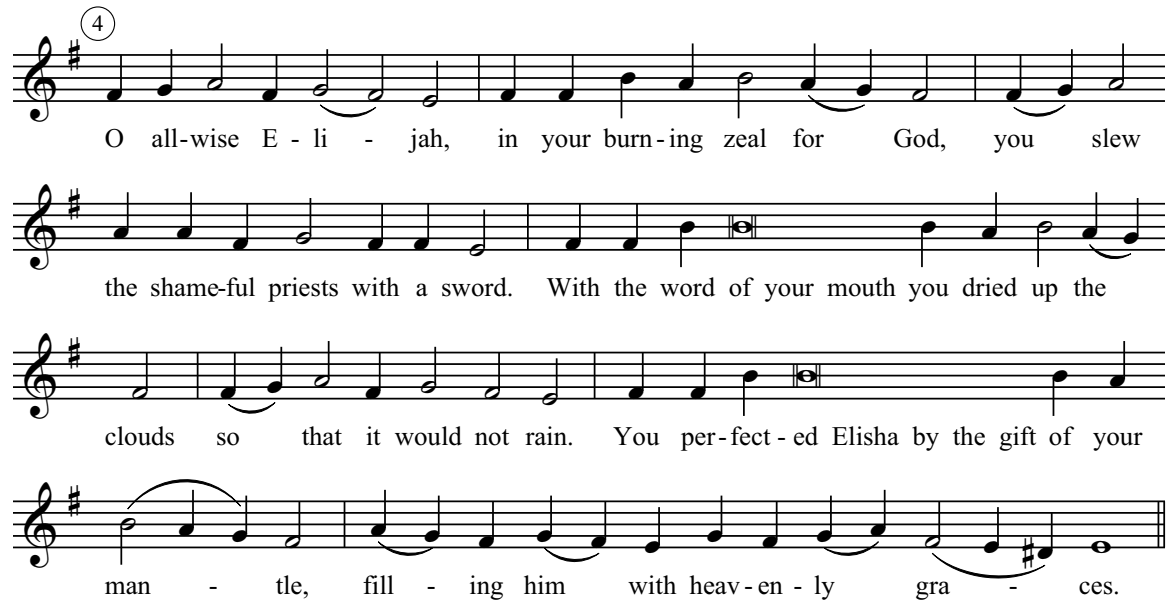
O all-com-pas-sion-ate Word, you car-ried Elijah the Tishbite away from the earth  
in a char-iot of fire. Through his in-ter-ces-sion, save us who faith-ful-ly  
glo-ri-fy you and who joy-ous-ly com-mem-o-rate his feast.

**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.



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.



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.

## 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*

**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.

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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.

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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

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...

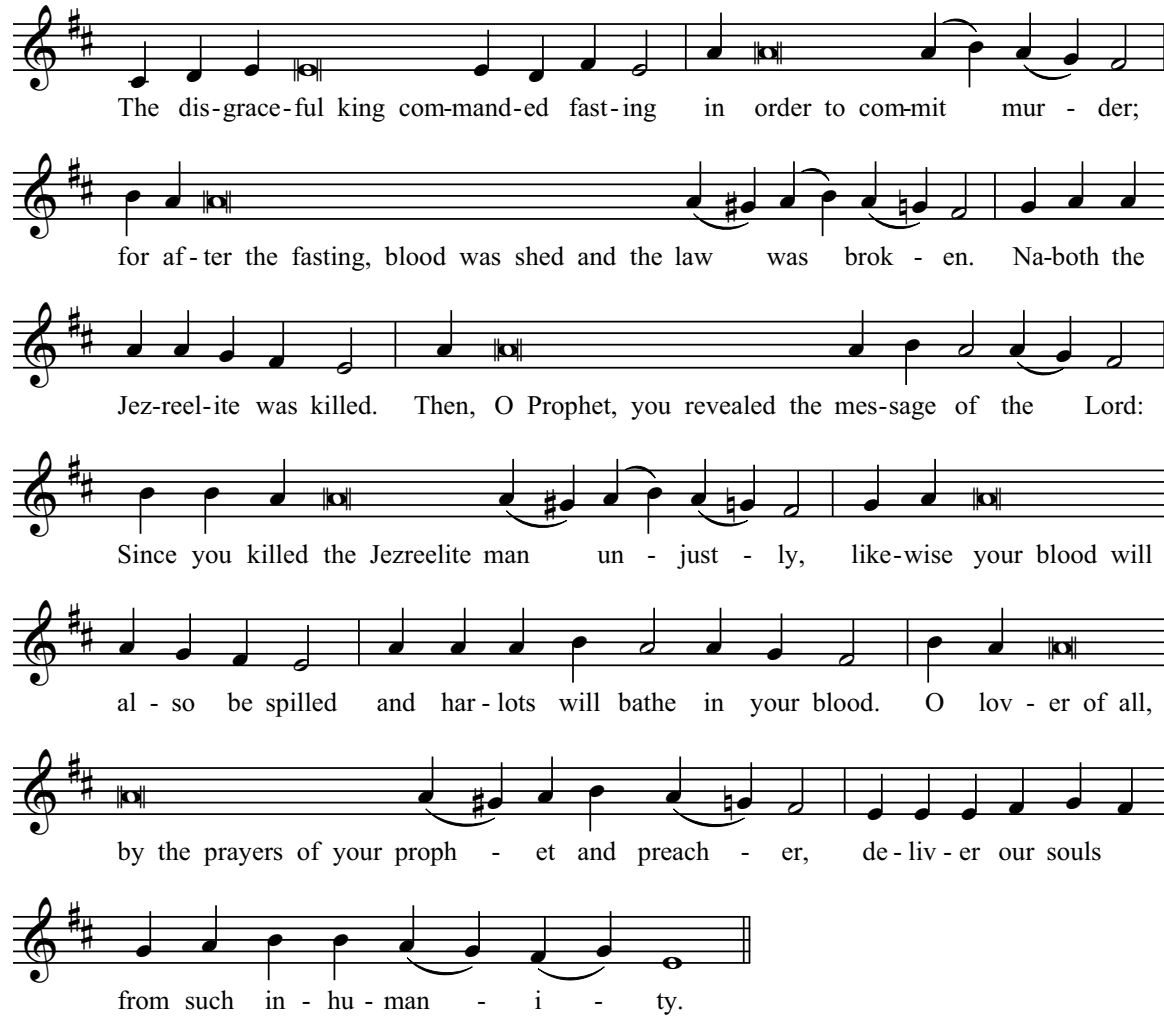
**Aposticha Doxastikon of the Prophet Elijah - Tone 6 samohlasen**

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*

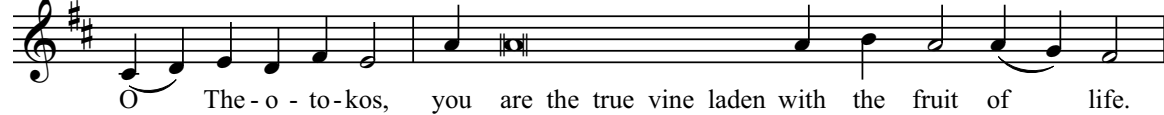
**Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen**



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**



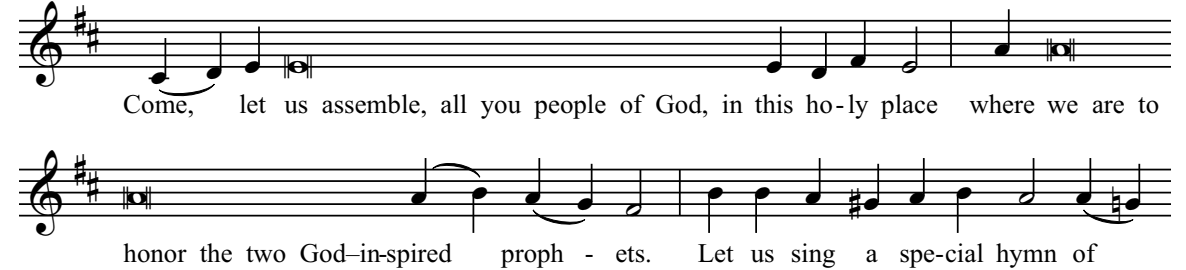
O The-o-to-kos, you are the true vine laden with the fruit of life.



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 spec-ial 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...