Elijah the Tishbite, a prophet of the Lord in the days of Ahab, the king of Israel, 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.

Hymn

Melody: Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage

1. Let all Christ's Church assembled here and gathered in his name,
2. The prophet heard the voice of God, not in the quake or fire,
3. By grace, he raised the widow's son; rebuked the royal wrongs;
4. For all the graces you have given through what he did for you,

Keep solemn, joyful festival and sing Elijah's fame.
But in the coolness of the breeze, God spoke his heart's desire.
His deeds and words for ages since have been the theme of songs!
Your Church on earth gives endless praise, and honors, as is due,

Of all the prophets who foretold God's hidden plan of grace,
Once fed by raven in the wilds, he served the Lord in might;
When earthly tasks for him were done, You called him from this life;
Elijah, prophet of your Name! We praise you evermore,

He is the chief, and unto him we give the foremost place.
Preventing rain from falling down; called fire from heaven's height!
A fiery chariot came for him, releasing him from strife.
O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, the God whom we adore.
An angel in the flesh, the foundation of the prophets, and the second fore-runner of Christ, the glorious Elijah from on high sent grace to Elisha to cure sicknesses and cleanse lepers. He likewise overflows with healing for those who honor him.

Cantor

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Kontakion - Tone 2:

Prophet and seer of the mighty deeds of our God, renowned Elijah, you stopped the rain-clouds by a word. Intercede for us with the only one who loves us all
Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 109:4,1):

You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Verse: The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 98:6):

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: Moses and Aaron were among his priests;
Samuel was among those who called upon his name.
Verse: They called upon the Lord and he answered them.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembered forever;
Evil news he will not fear, evil news he will not fear, he will not fear.

Refrain
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!