

## Vesper 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, 2006*

*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.

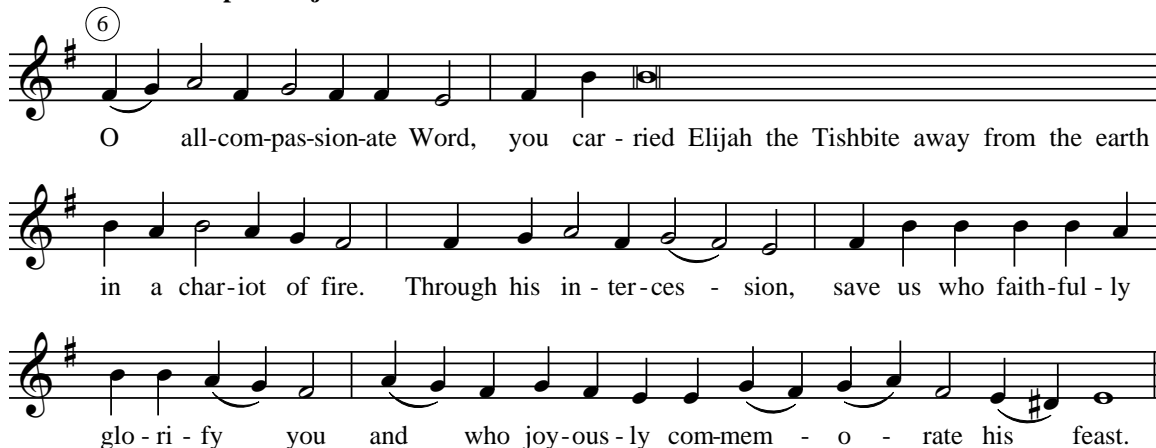
Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;  
Lord hear *my* voice!

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 samohlasen**

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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.

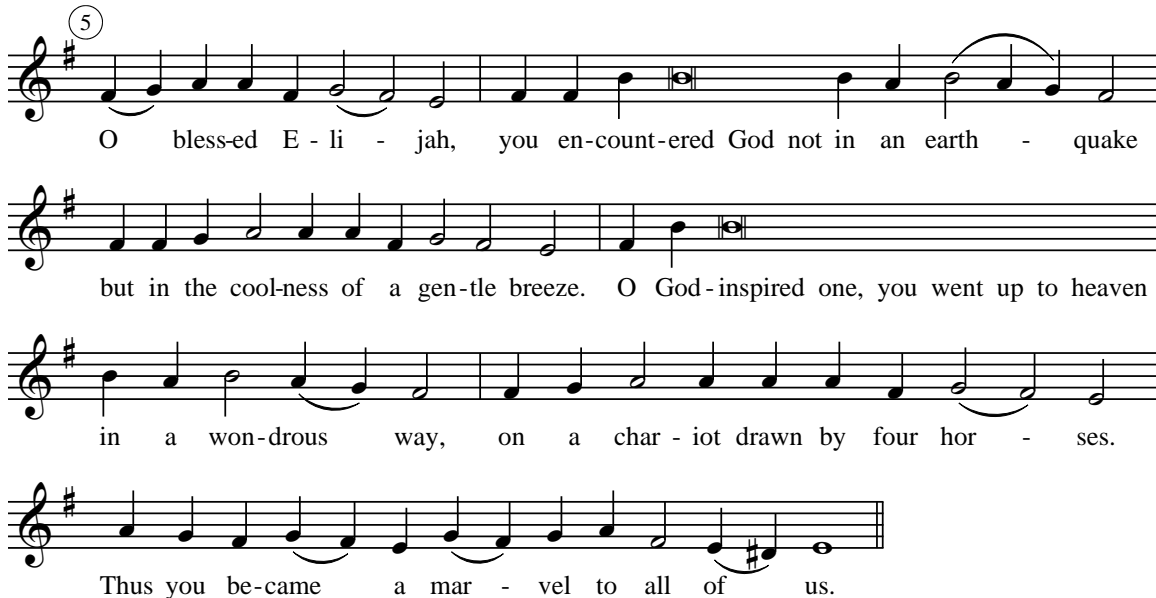
**Cantor:**

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.

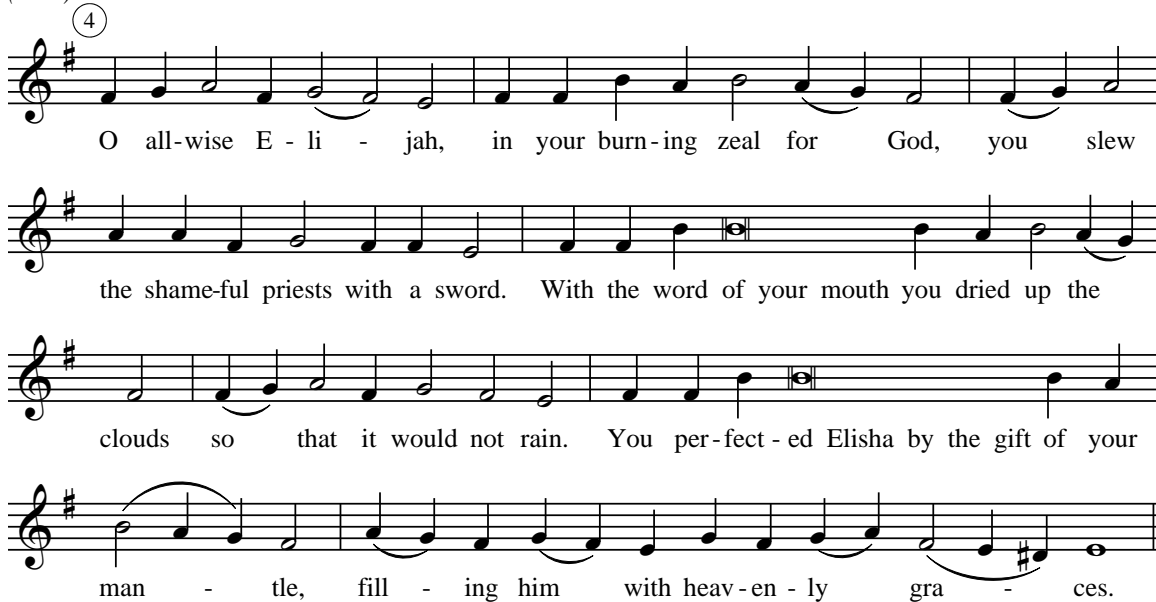
**Cantor:**

Let the watchman count on daybreak,

(on 4)

and Israel on the Lord.

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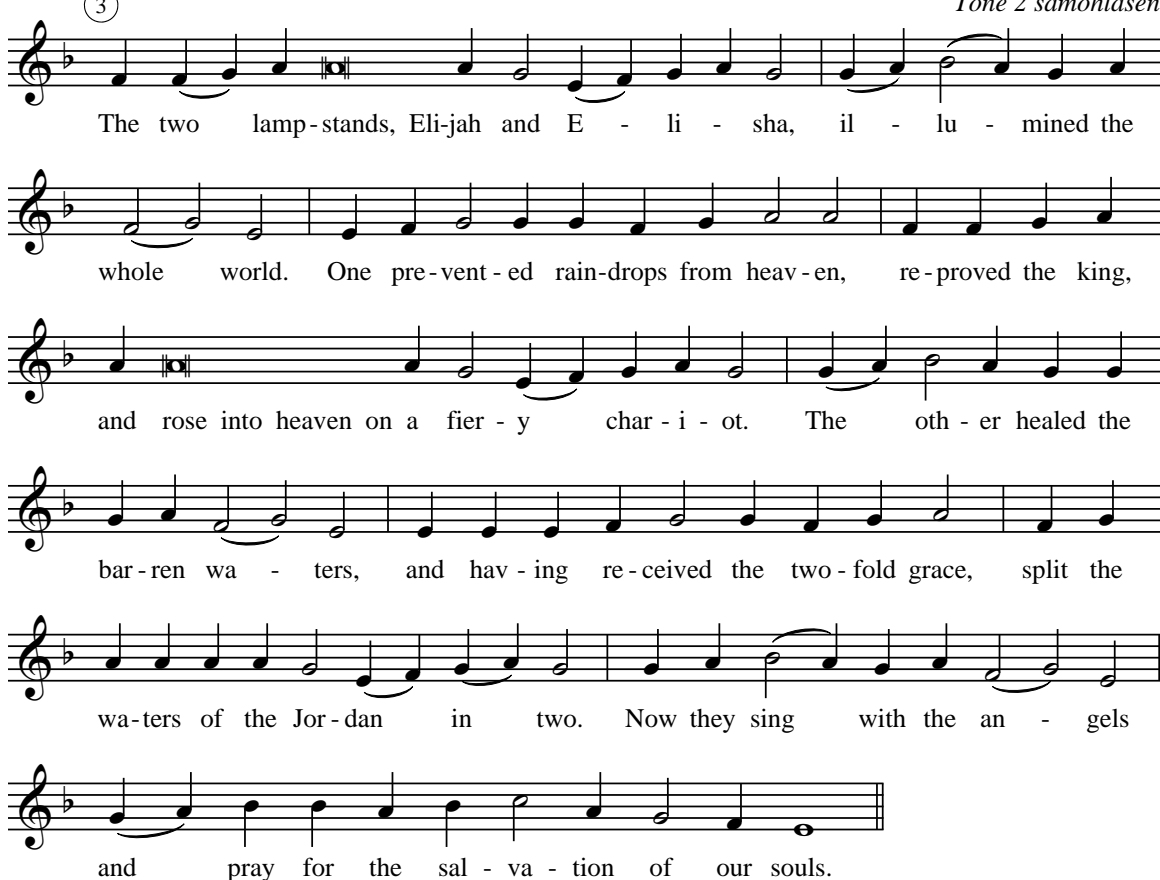


O all-wise E - li - jah, in your burn-ing zeal for God, you slew  
the shame-ful priests with a sword. With the word of your mouth you dried up the  
clouds so that it would not rain. You per-fect-ed Elisha by the gift of your  
man - tle, fill - ing him with heav-en - ly gra - ces.

**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*

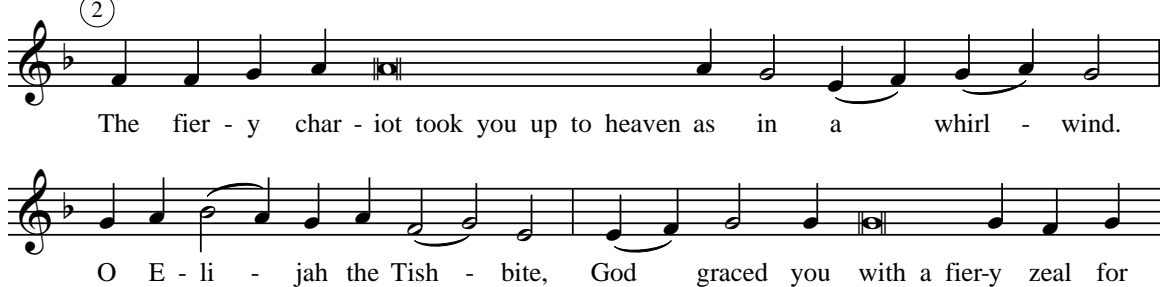
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The two lamp-stands, Eli-jah and E - li - sha, il - lu - mined the  
whole world. One pre-vent - ed rain-drops from heav - en, re-proved the king,  
and rose into heaven on a fier - y char - i - ot. The oth - er healed the  
bar-ren wa - ters, and 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.

②



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.

① O proph - et E - li - jah, O lamp - stand of the Church, which has

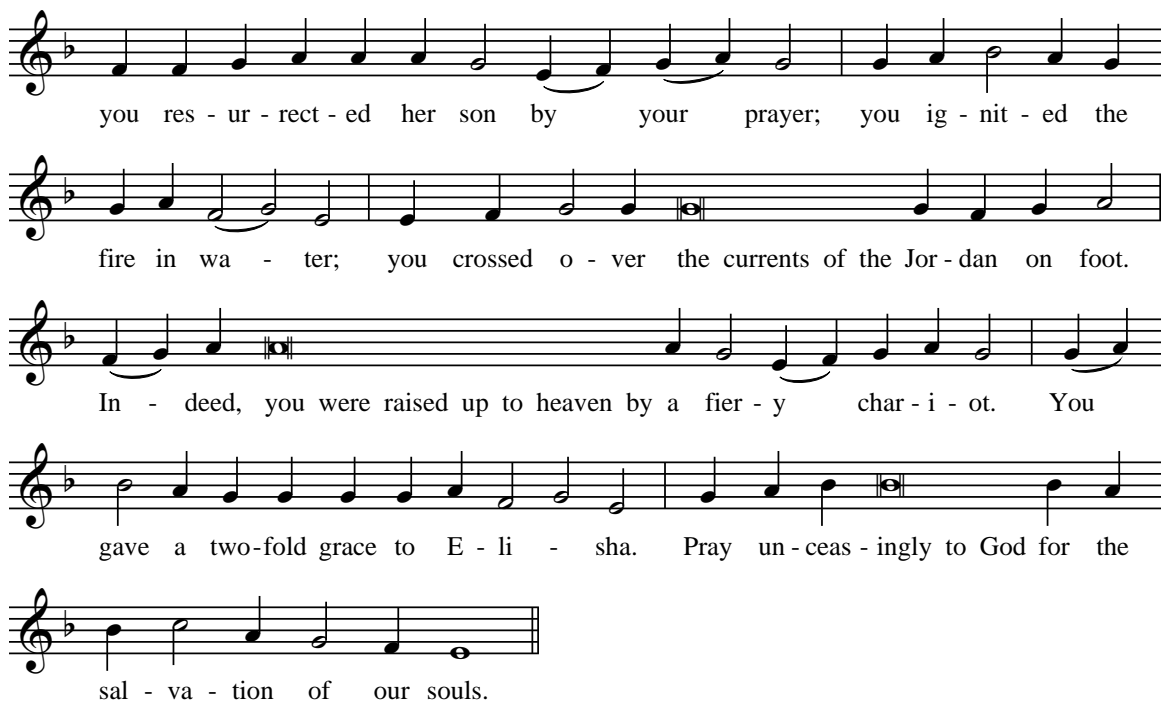
no eve - ning, hav - ing been in - flamed with di - vine zeal, you

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

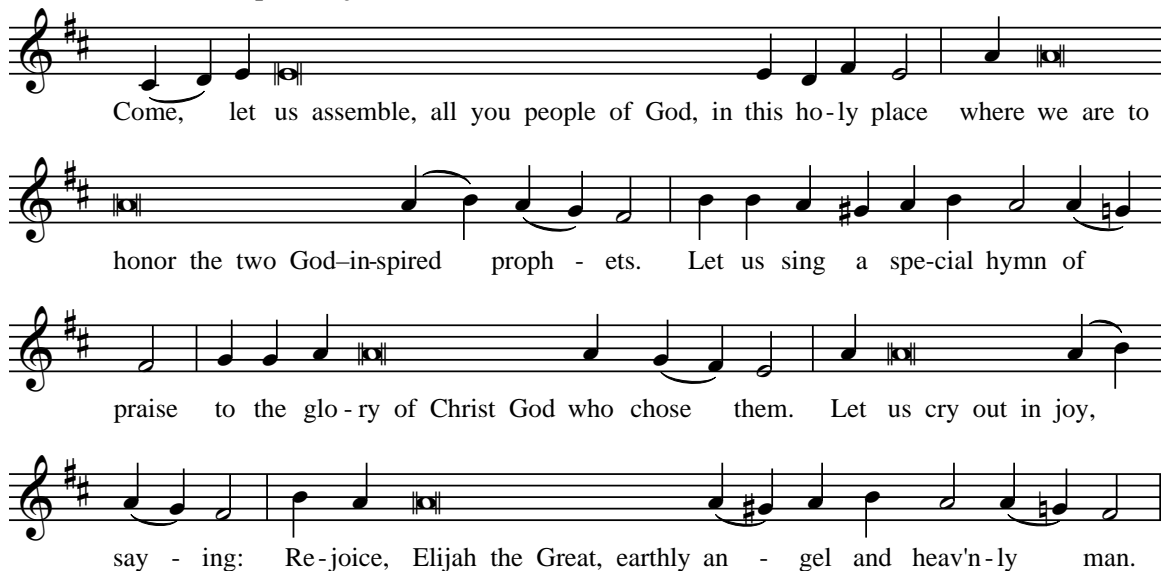
for the widow by means of a lit - tle oil and a small hand - ful of meal;



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 special 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 - 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...

*The Dogmatikon in the same tone (Tone 6, 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 EOT 321

### Litija

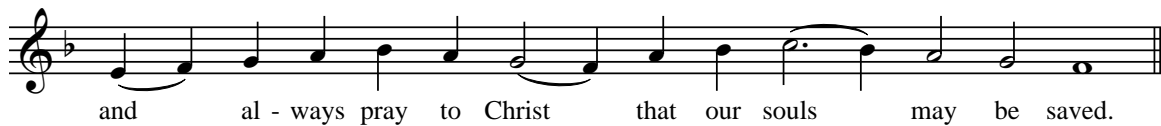
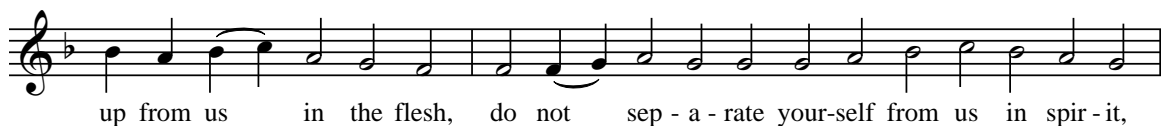
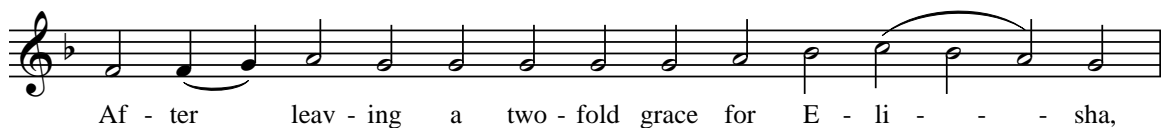
*Tone 4 Bolhar*



You are a par - tak - er, O bless - ed Proph - et, of the in - cor - rupt - i - ble

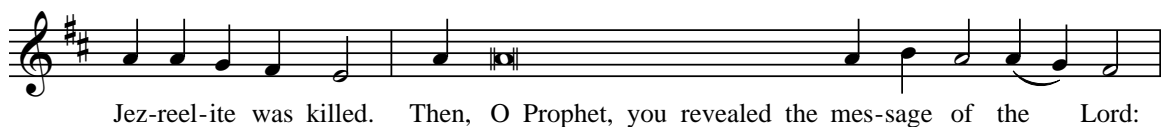
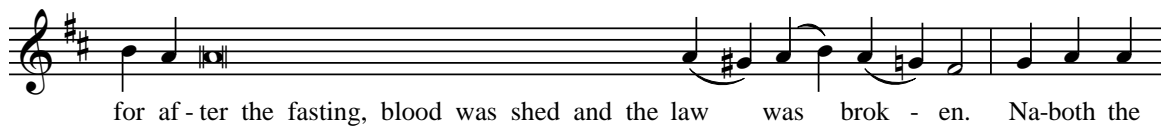
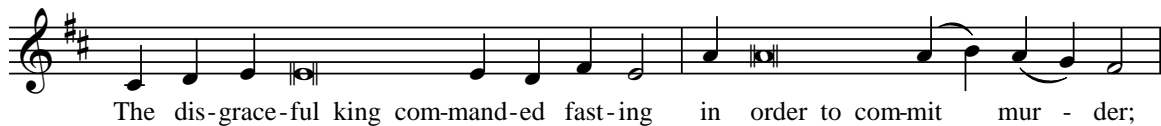


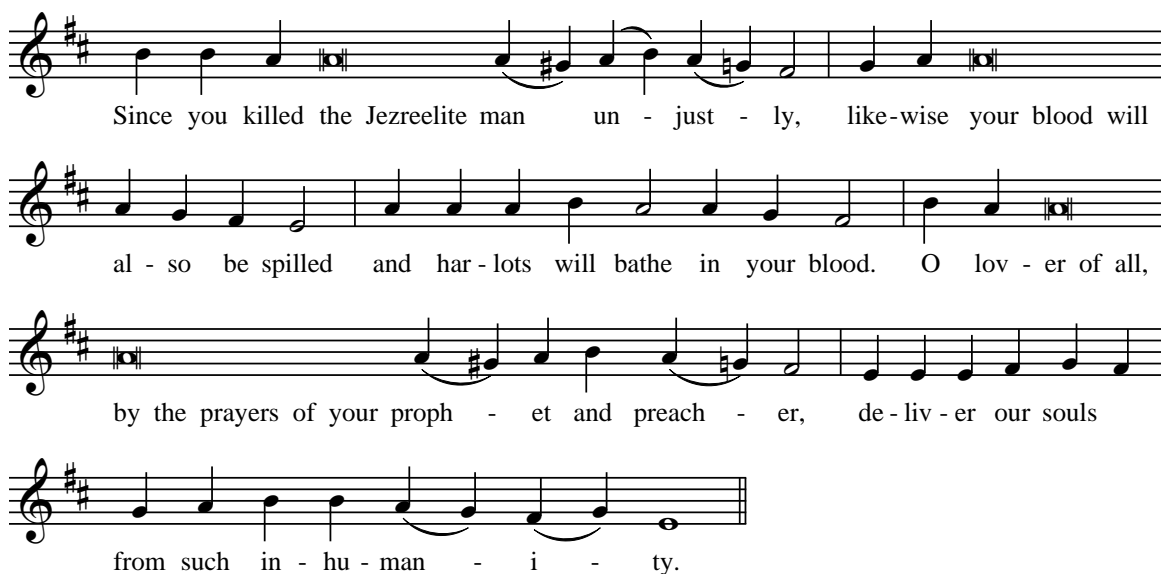
com - pa - ny of God my Sav - ior. Hav - ing di - vid - ed the



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

**Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen**

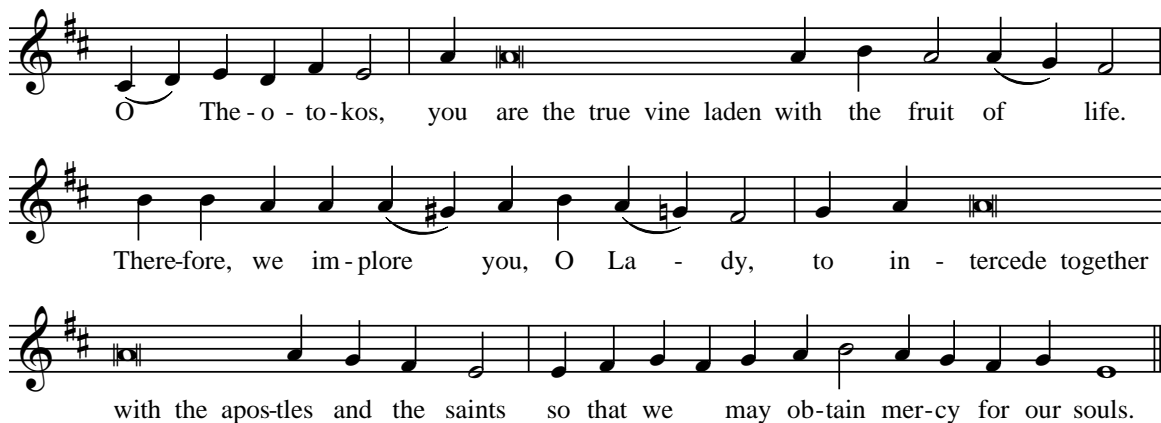




Since you killed the Jezreelite man un - just - ly, like-wise your blood will  
al - so be spilled and har - lots will bathe in your blood. O lov - er of all,  
by the prayers of your proph - et and preach - er, de - liv - er our souls  
from such in - hu - man - i - ty.

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

**Theotokion - Tone 6 samohlasen**



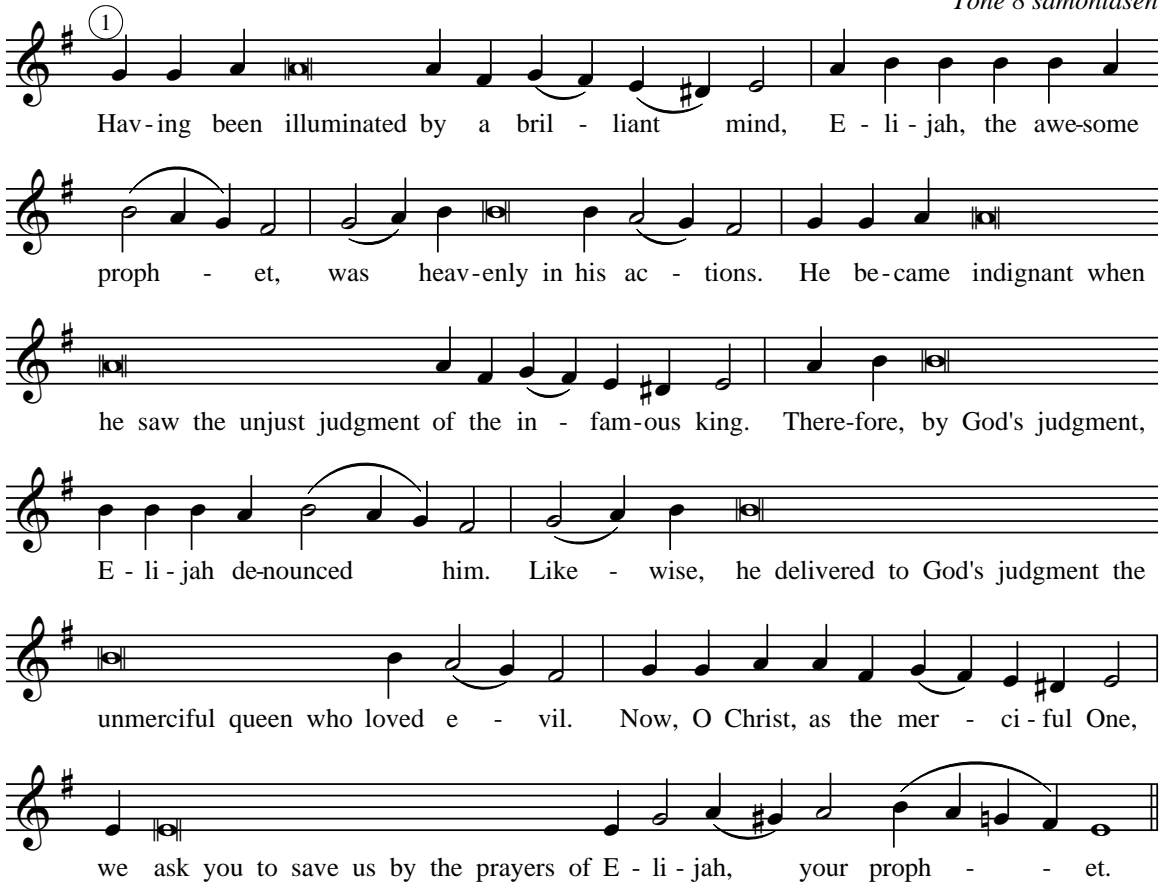
O The - o - to - kos, you are the true vine laden with the fruit of life.  
There-fore, we im - plore you, O La - dy, to in - tercede together  
with the apos-tles and the saints so that we may ob-tain mer-cy for our souls.

*Litany of the Litija, p. 116*

# Aposticha

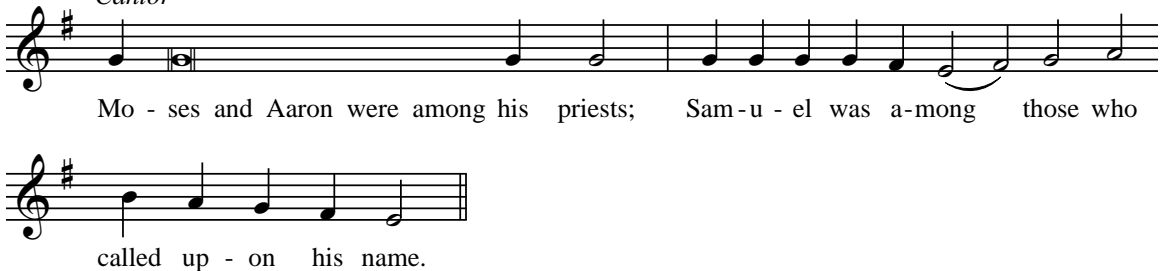
*Tone 8 samohlasen*

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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 indignant 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.

③

O great Elijah, respected a-mong 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...

**Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen**

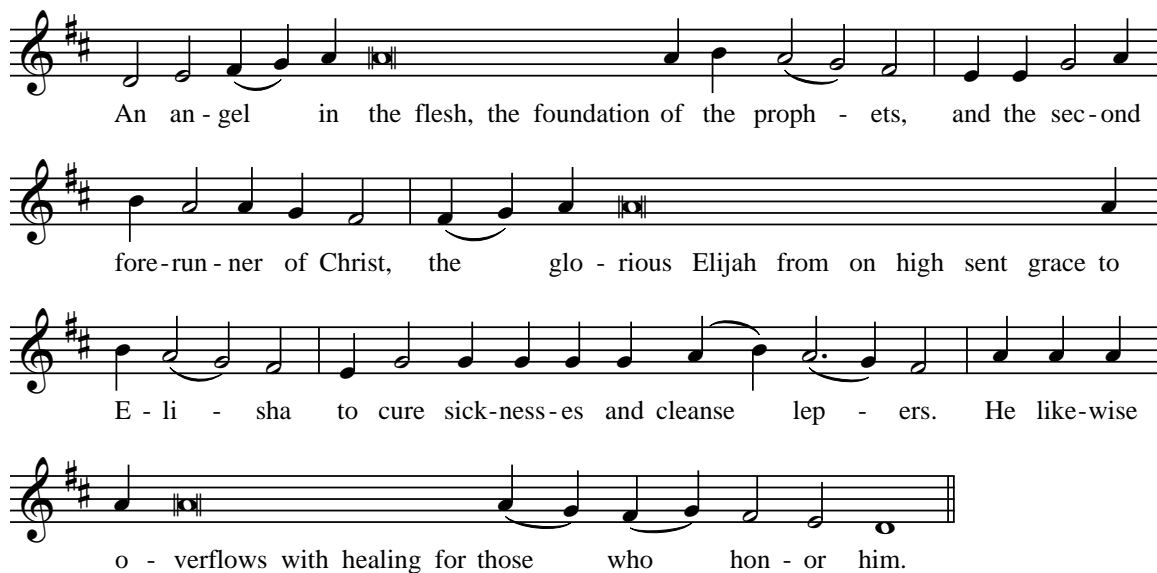
Ō Proph-et who foretold the com-ing of Christ, you are forever in the presence  
 of the glo - ry of God, and you in - tercede for those who are suf - fer - ing.  
 Since you serve the Maj-es - ty on High, you bless the whole world and are glo-ri-fied  
 ev - 'ry - where. Now ob - tain for us for - give - ness of our sins.

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

## Troparia

*Priest first, then all:*

### **Troparion of the holy 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... now and ever...

*Troparion "Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos," page 119, followed by the Blessing of Bread.*