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

O all-com-pass-ion-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.
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-inspi-red 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.

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.
The two lamp-stands, Elijah and Eli-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 barren 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 Eli-jah the Tish-bite, God graced you with a fier-y zeal for
You were created incorruptible, so that you might not see death, until you knew beforehand the death of every one.

Therefore, come and give us a warning of your great accomplishments.

Cantor: 
Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

O prophet Elijah, O lampstand of the Church, which has no evening, having been inflamed with divine zeal, you closed up the rain from heaven; you were fed by a raven; you reproved the king and put the priests to death; you commanded fire from heaven and slew two captains; you provided abundantly for the widow by means of a little oil and a small handful of meal;
you resurrected her son by your prayer; you ignited the
fire in water; you crossed over the currents of the Jordan on foot.
Indeed, you were raised up to heaven by a fiery chariot. You

gave a two-fold grace to Elisha. Pray unceasingly to God for the
salvation 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 holy place where we are to

honor the two God-inspired prophets. Let us sing a special hymn of

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

saying: Rejoice, Elijah the Great, earthly angel and heavenly man.
Rejoice, O precious Elisha whom God has filled with the graces of heaven.

Rejoice, O mediators and fervent intercessors, healers of the souls and bodies of the faithful who love Christ. Deliver from the attacks of the enemy and from every danger all those who celebrate your memory with honor.

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, 44, 42, 45-46; 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 partaker, O blessed Prophet, of the incorruptible company of God my Savior. Having divided the
Jordan by pray'r, you crossed over on dry ground.

After leaving a two-fold grace for Elisha,
you were taken up into heaven on a fiery chariot.

Therefore we beseech you, although you were taken up from us in the flesh, do not separate yourself from us in spirit, and always pray to Christ that our souls may be saved.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

The disgraceful king commanded fasting in order to commit murder; for after the fasting, blood was shed and the law was broken. Na-both the Jez-reel-ite was killed. Then, O Prophet, you revealed the message of the Lord:
Since you killed the Jezreelite man unjustly, likewise your blood will also be spilled and harlots will bathe in your blood. O lover of all,

by the prayers of your prophet and preacher, deliver our souls from such inhumanity.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion - Tone 6 samohlasen

O Theotokos, you are the true vine laden with the fruit of life.

Therefore, we implore you, O Lady, to intercede together with the apostles and the saints so that we may obtain mercy for our souls.

Litany of the Litija, p. 116
Having been illuminated by a brilliant mind, Elijah, the awesome prophet, was heavenly in his actions. He became indignant when he saw the unjust judgment of the infamous king. Therefore, by God's judgment, Elijah denounced him. Likewise, he delivered to God's judgment the unmerciful queen who loved evil. Now, O Christ, as the merciful One, we ask you to save us by the prayers of Elijah, your prophet.

Moses and Aaron were among his priests; Samuel was among those who called upon his name.
O Prophet, you declared: How long, O Lord, is the way of the infamous ones to continue? You planted and they became rooted and produced the fruit of iniquity. Indeed, they perished because of their shameful actions. They cry out to you but you will not hear.

Why have you shown me the scandal of the judges of the law-breakers?

Cantor

You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchisedek.

O great Elijah, respected among the prophets, your ascension is dear to those who celebrate. By your prayers you deliver us from dangers and sorrows, and you preserve us from the attacks of the Evil One. O most glorious
Prophet, grant that we, who are faithful followers of Christ,

may always venerate and bless you.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

O Prophet who foretold the coming of Christ, you are forever in the presence

of the glory of God, and you intercede for those who are suffering.

Since you serve the Majesty on High, you bless the whole world and are glorified

ev'rywhere. Now obtain for us forgiveness 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 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 overflowed with healing for those who honor him.

Cantor: Glory... now and ever...

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