Vigil Divine Liturgy, 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 Divine Liturgies of our holy fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great, 2006

The Vigil Divine Liturgy begins on page 104 in the Divine Liturgies book. The beginning verses of the Lamp-lighting Psalms ("O Lord, I have cried") are sung in Tone 1 (page 123). At the Psalm verse "on 3" toward the bottom of page 116, continue as follows:

* to be sung on the evening of July 19
Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

O blessed Elijah, you encountered God not in an earthquake
but in the coolness of a gentle breeze. O God-inspired one, you went up to heaven
in a wondrous way, on a chariot drawn by four horses.

Thus you became a marvel to all of us.

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

O all-wise Elijah, in your burning zeal for God, you slew
the shameful priests with a sword. With the word of your mouth you dried up the
clouds so that it would not rain. You perfected Elisha by the gift of your
man - tle, fill - ing him with heav - en - ly gra - ces.

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it,

now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

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

honor the two God-in-spried 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 - joice, 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.
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.

As the doxastikon is sung, the clergy enter the Holy Place with the gospel book and censer.

The service continues on page 117 with the singing of the Hymn of the Evening, "O Joyful Light". The prokeimenon of the day of the week is sung (pages 120-121), and the following readings may be chanted:

**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 321-322)

After the Small Litany (page 122), the Divine Liturgy continues with the Thrice-Holy Hymn ("Holy God") on page 27 of the Divine Liturgies book.
Prokeimenon of the holy prophet Elijah - Tone 4 (Psalm 109:4,1):

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

Alleluia of the holy prophet Elijah - Tone 4 (Psalm 98:6):

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):

Refrain
The following hymn may be sung at the end of the Divine Liturgy if desired, either after the Ambon Prayer (if bread is blessed) or after the dismissal.

**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 overflows with healing for those who honor him.