

Vesper Propers, July 20, 2025  
Sixth 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.

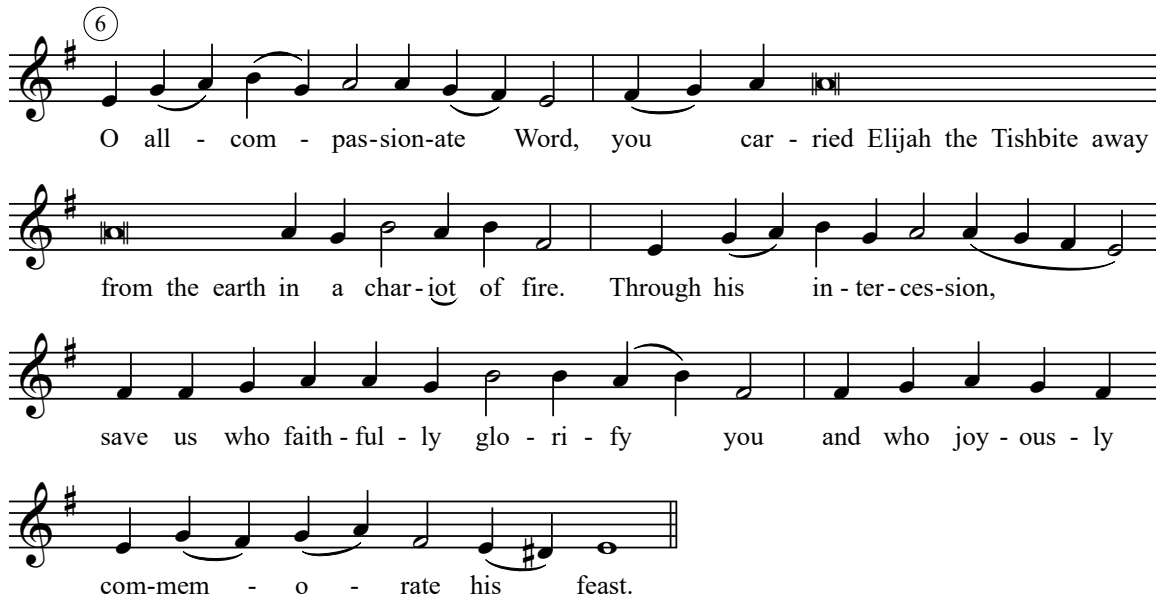
*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 69), stichera 10-7.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) 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 holy prophet Elijah - Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov**

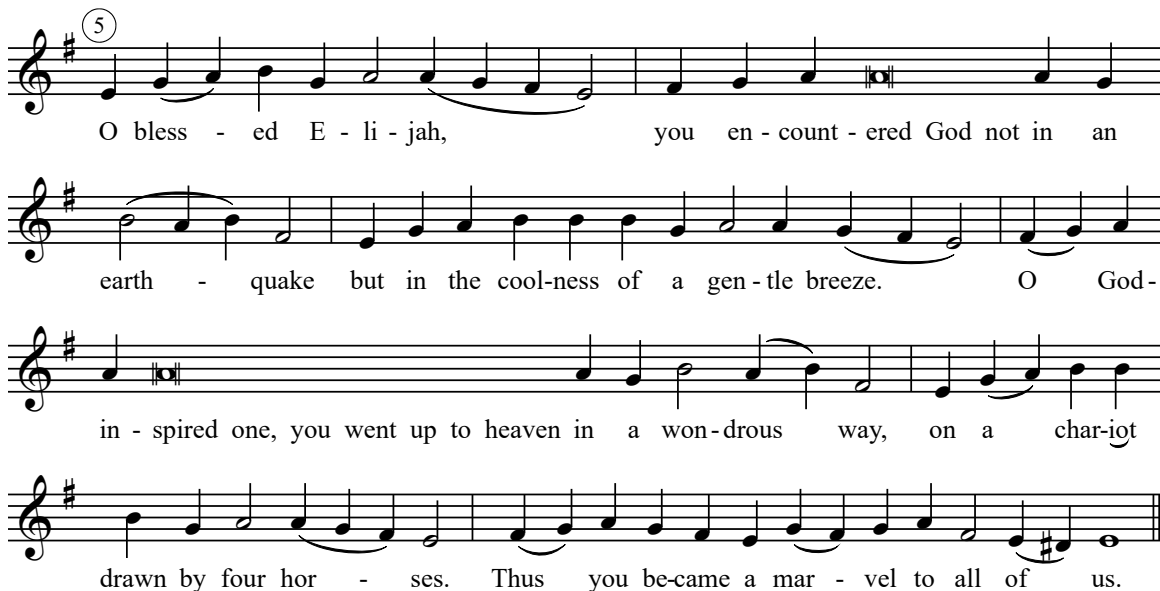
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O all - com - pas-sion-ate Word, you car - ried Elijah the Tishbite away  
from the earth in a char-iot of fire. Through his in - ter - ces-sion,  
save us who faith - ful - ly glo - ri - fy you and who joy - ous - ly  
com-mem - o - rate his feast.

**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.

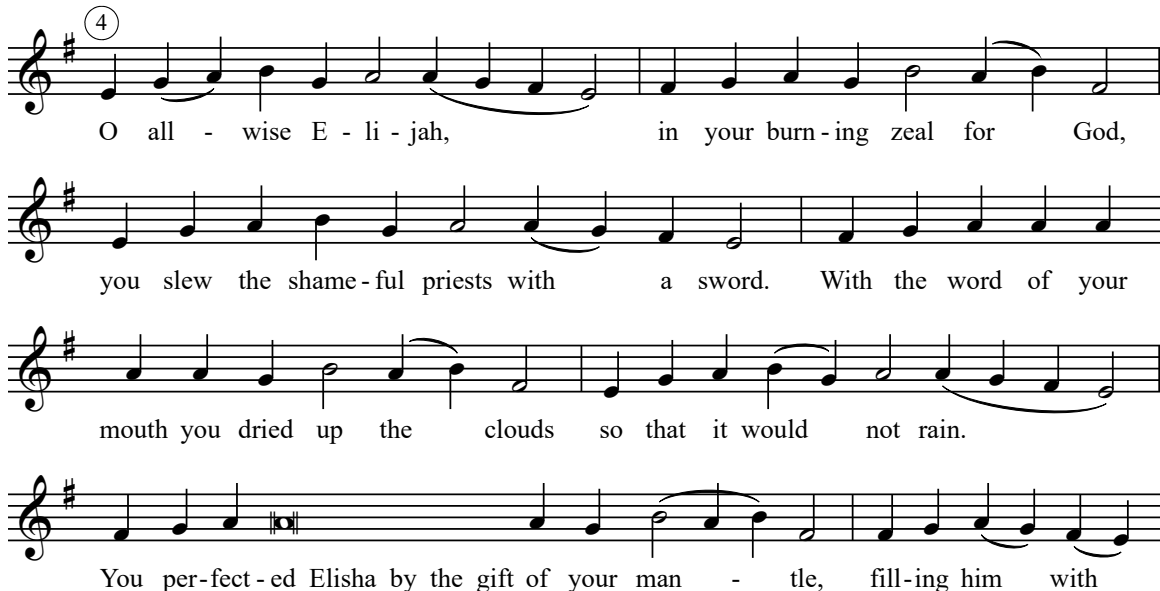
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O bless - ed E - li - jah, you en - count - ered God not in an  
earth - quake but in the cool-ness of a gen - tle breeze. O God -  
in - spired one, you went up to heaven in a won - drous way, on a char - iot  
drawn by four hor - ses. Thus you be - 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*

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.

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.

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

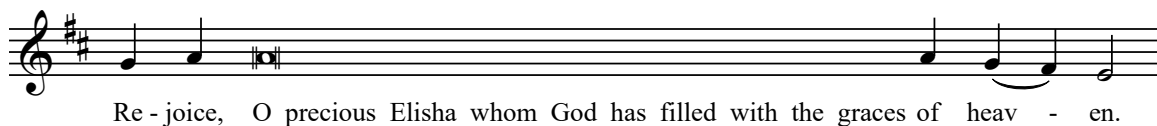
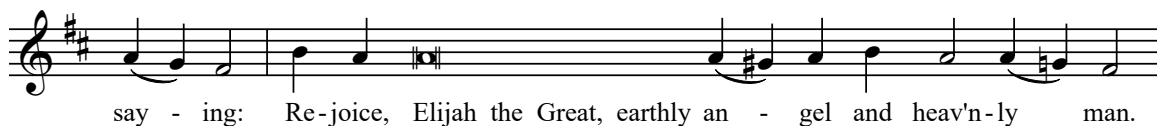
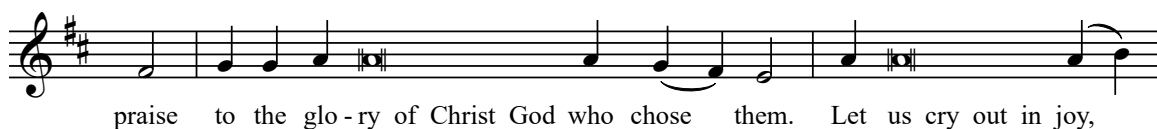
sal - va - tion of our souls.

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

**Doxastikon of the holy 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 spe - cial hymn of



**Cantor:** (Tone 5) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 76)*

**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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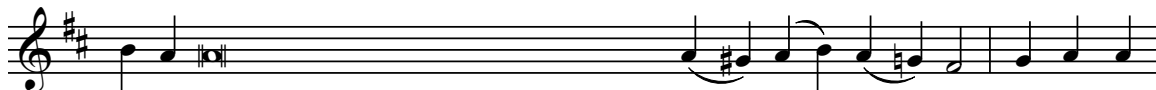
You are a par-tak-er, O bless-ed Proph-et, of the in-cor-rupt-i-ble  
com-pa-ny of God my Sav-ior. Hav-ing di-vid-ed the  
Jor-dan by pray'r, you crossed o-ver on dry ground.  
Af-ter leav-ing a two-fold grace for E-li-sha,  
you were tak-en up in-to heav-en on a fier-y char-i-ot.  
There-fore we be-seech 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...*

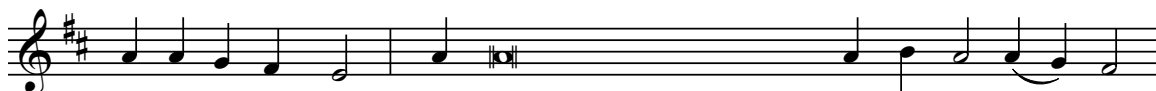
**Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen**



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,



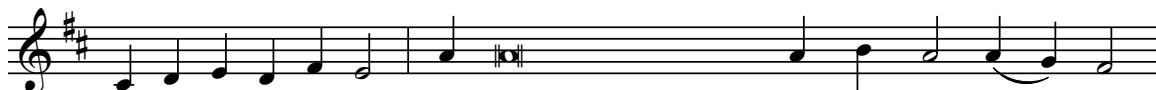
by the prayers of your proph - et and preach - er, de - liv - er our souls



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.



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

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 77), concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha doxastikon of the holy 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...

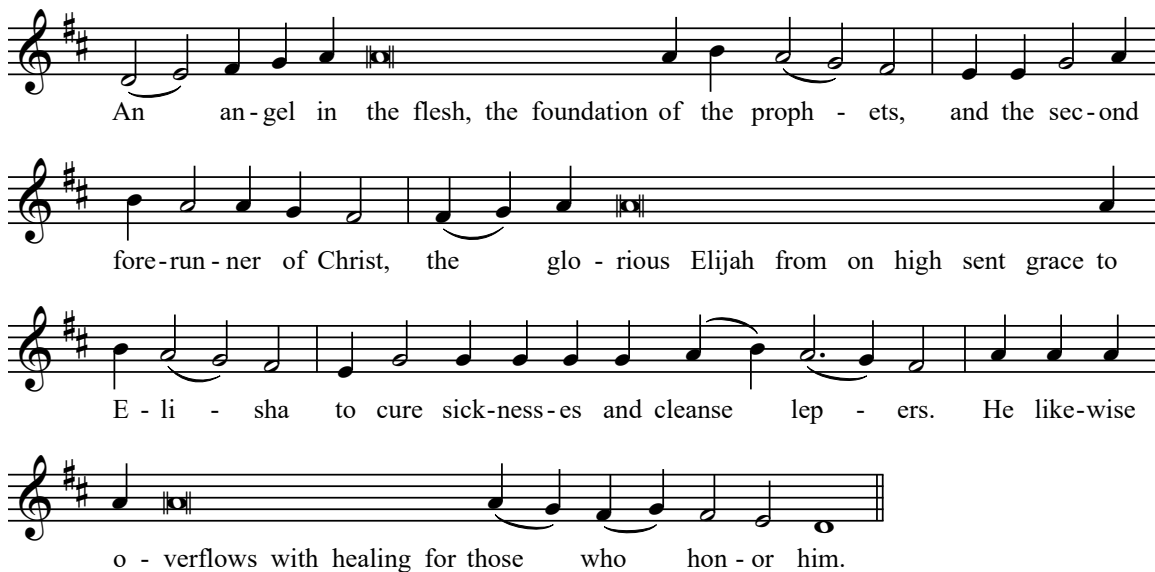
*Aposticha theotokion of Saturday in the same tone (Tone 6, p. 90).*

## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 80), then:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory to the Father...

**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:** Now and ever...

*Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 4, p. 68).*