**JULY 20**

 **Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 1**

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

Hear me, O Lord!

*v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

**Tone 1** *(from the Menaion, for Prophet Elijah)**(Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)*

O All-compassionate Word,

You translated Elijah the Tishbite from the earth in a fiery chariot.

Through his prayers, save us who glorify You in faith,//

as we celebrate his divine and honored memory in joy!

*v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.*

(Repeat: “O All compassionate Word … “)

*v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

Elijah, blessed of God,

you beheld the presence of God that enlightened you,

not in an earthquake, but in a still small voice.

You ascended to heaven in a wondrous manner,

sitting upon a chariot drawn by four horses,//

O God-inspired one.

*v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

Wise Elijah, in your burning zeal for God,

you slaughtered the priests of confusion with the sword.

By your word the heavens were bound

so that it might not rain upon the earth.

By giving your mantle to Elisha,//

you caused him to grow and be filled with a double portion of divine

 grace.

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope on the Lord!*

**Tone 2** *(by John the Archbishop)*

Two lights have shone in the universe:

the bright stars of Elijah and Elisha.

With a divine word, the one stopped the rain from the heavens, thus

convicting the kings,

and he ascended into heaven upon a fiery chariot.

The other received a double portion of grace:

he purified the polluted water and parted the stream of the Jordan.//

Now they rejoice with the Angels and pray for the salvation of our souls.

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

(Repeat: “Two lights have shone … “)

*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

You were lifted up into the sky, to the gates of heaven,

by a fiery chariot, O Elijah the Tishbite.

The grace of the fire worked a miracle on you.

Although you were created in the flesh you did not see death,

that you might preach until the end in all places.//

Therefore come, and grant us your correction and instruction!

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.*

O never-setting light of the Church,

Prophet Elijah, burning with zeal for God,

you made the rain cease from heaven;

you were fed by a raven.

You convicted kings and caused the pagan priests to die.

You called down fire from heaven.

Twice you caused the death of fifty men.

The widow's jar of flour did not give out because of you, nor did her flask

of oil fail.

Through your prayers her son was raised from the dead.

You made fire burn the water,

and caused the streams of the Jordan to be turned back.

You ascended into heaven in a fiery chariot.

Elisha received a double portion of your grace.//

Do not cease to intercede for us before God, to save our souls!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 6** *(by Byzantius)*

Come, all Orthodox people,

let us assemble in the holy place:

the temple in honor of the two prophets inspired by God!

Let us sing together, giving glory to Christ our God!

Let us raise our voices and say joyfully:

“Rejoice, Elijah of great renown,

earthly Angel, and heavenly man!

Rejoice, O most honored Elisha,

for you received double grace from God!

Rejoice, pillars, champions and physicians of the Christian people!

Deliver from every obstacle and tribulation//

those who celebrate your all-glorious feast in faith!”

 *now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 6**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?

Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?

The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,

but from you He was ineffably incarnate.

God by nature, He became Man for our sake,

not divided into two persons but manifest as One in two natures.

Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//

to have mercy on our souls!

**Old Testament Readings**

 **Composite 12** *(III Kings 17:1-24)*

 **Composite 13** *(III Kings 18:1, 17-40, 44, 42. 45-46; 19:1-16)*

 **Composite 14** *(III Kings 19:19-21; IVKings 2:1, 6-14)*

**Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah**

**Litya** *(If the rector desires the Litya, following the sticheron to the*

 *Temple, these stichera are sung:*)

**Tone 4**

You participated in a pure union with God my Savior, O blessed Prophet;

parting the Jordan by prayer, you crossed it as dry land.

You were caught up in a fiery chariot to the heavens,

leaving Elisha a double measure of grace.

Therefore, we beseech you:

“Though you were caught up in the body,

do not part yourself from us in spirit//

and ever pray that our souls may be saved!”

You were revealed to be a shining cloud, O luminous Prophet,

showering divine knowledge upon all the faithful,

richly satisfying with the wine of gladness

all those who turn to your most divine temple with faith.

Therefore, we entreat you, O divine Prophet and God-seer Elijah,//

grant health to our Orthodox bishops and great mercy to our souls!

You subjected the flesh to the governing mind, O divine Prophet Elijah,

diligently ascending in your heart as by steps.

Therefore, you denounced the unrighteous king

and pronounced the ban of the wrath of God.

With a knife you destroyed the shameful, unrighteous priests.

You clearly taught all to cry out://

“Indeed there is one God: the God Whom Elijah has preached!”

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

 **Tone 6**

How terrible the commands of the impious king!

How terrible the fast, filled with blood and evil!

Jezebel proclaimed a fast that she might commit murder,

and at once Naboth the Israelite was killed.

How did you respond to these things, O Prophet?

“Thus says the Lord:

‘Since you have unjustly killed a man of Israel,

so shall your blood also be spilled,

and harlots shall wash themselves in your blood.’”

By the prayers of Your Prophet and Preacher, O Christ,

deliver our souls from such inhumanity,//

for You are the Lover of mankind!

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

 **Tone 6** *(Theotokion)*

O Theotokos,

you are the true vine from whom the Fruit of Life blossomed.

We entreat you, O Lady:

“Intercede together with the Apostles and all the Saints,//

that mercy may be granted to our souls!”

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**Aposticha**

**Tone 8** *(O most glorious wonder)*

Elijah, the most wondrous Prophet,

having illumined his mind with divine brightness was entirely godlike;

and observing the unjust action of the impious king, he expresses his

abhorrence.

Therefore by divine decree, he sends condemnation upon him,

just as in the same manner he handed the queen over to divine justice

since she was merciless and greedy for gold.

O Christ, by the prayers of Your Prophet Elijah,//

save us all, as you are tenderly merciful!

*v. Moses and Aaron were among His priests, and Samuel was among those who called on His name. (Ps 98/99:6)*

O Prophet, you said: “How long, O Lord, shall the way of the ungodly

prosper?

You planted, and they took root and produced the fruit of iniquity;

and in truth they have perished by then own ungodliness.

They cry out to You with lamentation, and You do not hear.//

Why have You shown me the ungodliness of lawless judges?”

*v. You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. (Ps 109/110:4)*

O great Elijah, honorable among the Prophets,

by your prayers deliver from afflictions, difficulties, and tribulations

those who celebrate your honorable ascent,

that we, the Christian people may always honor and bless you,//

most glorious Prophet.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

 **Tone 6**

O Prophet, herald of Christ,

you are never separated from the Throne of Majesty,

and for each of us who are weak, you are always standing by;

while serving with those in the highest places,

you bless the inhabited earth,

and are everywhere glorified.//

Ask for the cleansing of our souls!

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 6** *(Theotokion)*

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,

was born of you, O most pure Virgin.

By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse.

Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God!

Rejoice, O celestial Joy!

Rejoice, O Lady://

the Protection, Intercession and Salvation of our souls!

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***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 4** **Troparion**

An angel in the flesh and the cornerstone of the Prophets,

the second forerunner of the coming of Christ,

glorious Elijah sent grace from on high to Elisha,

to dispel diseases and to cleanse lepers.//

Therefore he pours forth healings on those who honor him.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 4** **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

The mystery of all eternity,

unknown even by Angels,

through you, Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:

God incarnate by union without confusion.

He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,

by which He resurrected the first-created man,//

saving our souls from death.

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***(at Vigil)***

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An angel in the flesh and the cornerstone of the Prophets,

the second forerunner of the coming of Christ,

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to dispel diseases and to cleanse lepers.

Therefore he pours forth healings on those who honor him.

 *(twice)*

**Tone 4 Troparion to the Theotokos**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,

Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you!

Blessed are you among women,

and blessed is the Fruit of your womb,//

for you have borne the Savior of our souls.

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***(at the Divine Liturgy)***

**Tone 4** **Troparion**  *(Prophet Elijah)*

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glorious Elijah sent grace from on high to Elisha,

to dispel diseases and to cleanse lepers.//

Therefore he pours forth healings on those who honor him.

**Tone 2** **Kontakion** *(Prophet Elijah)*

Prophet Elijah of great renown,

seer of the mighty works of God,

by your command you held back the rain.//

Pray for us to the only Lover of mankind!

**Tone 4** **Prokeimenon**

You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. *(Ps 109/110:4)*

*v: The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool!” (Ps 109/110:1)*

**Epistle**

 James 5:10-20 *(Prophet Elijah)*

 **Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v. Moses and Aaron were among His priests, and Samuel was among those who called on His name. (Ps 98/99:6a)*

*v. They called to the Lord and He answered them. (Ps 98/99:6b)*

**Gospel**

 Luke 4:22-30 *(Prophet Elijah)*

**Communion Hymn**

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil

tidings. *(Ps 111/112:6b-7a)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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