

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.

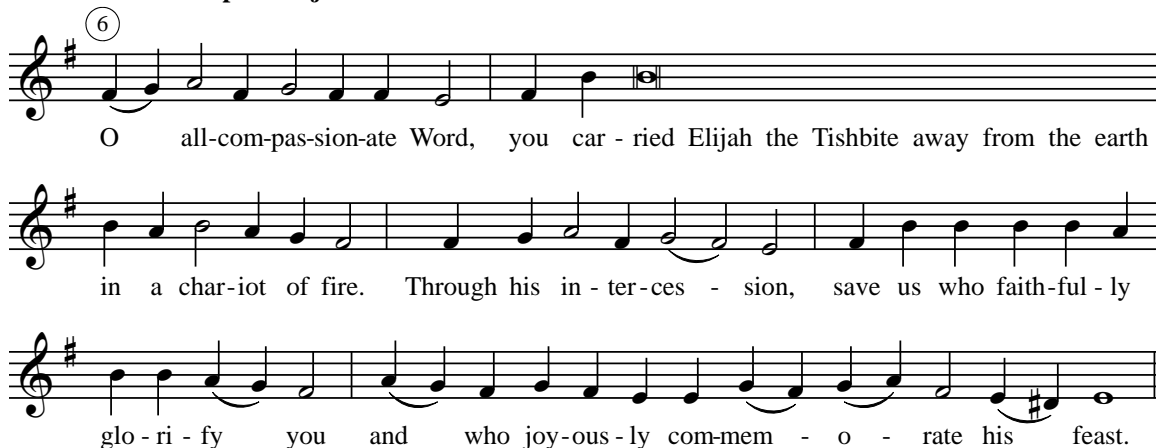
Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord hear *my* voice!

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

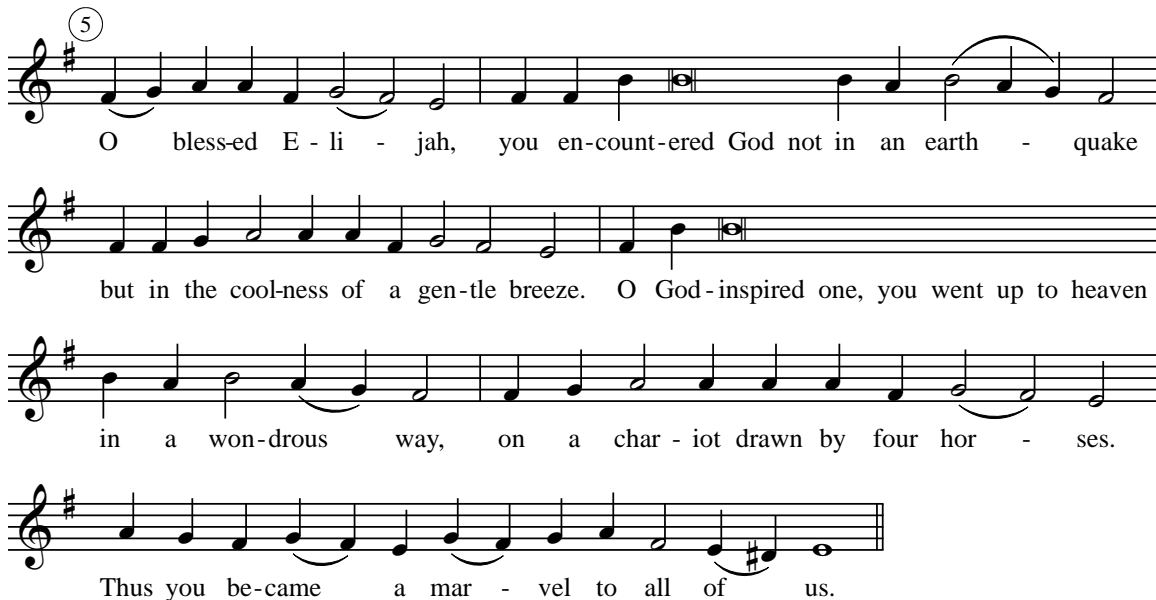
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O all-com-pas-sion-ate Word, you car - ried Elijah the Tishbite away from the earth
in a char-iot of fire. Through his in - ter-ces - sion, save us who faith-ful - ly
glo - ri - fy you and who joy-ous - ly com-mem - o - rate his feast.

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.

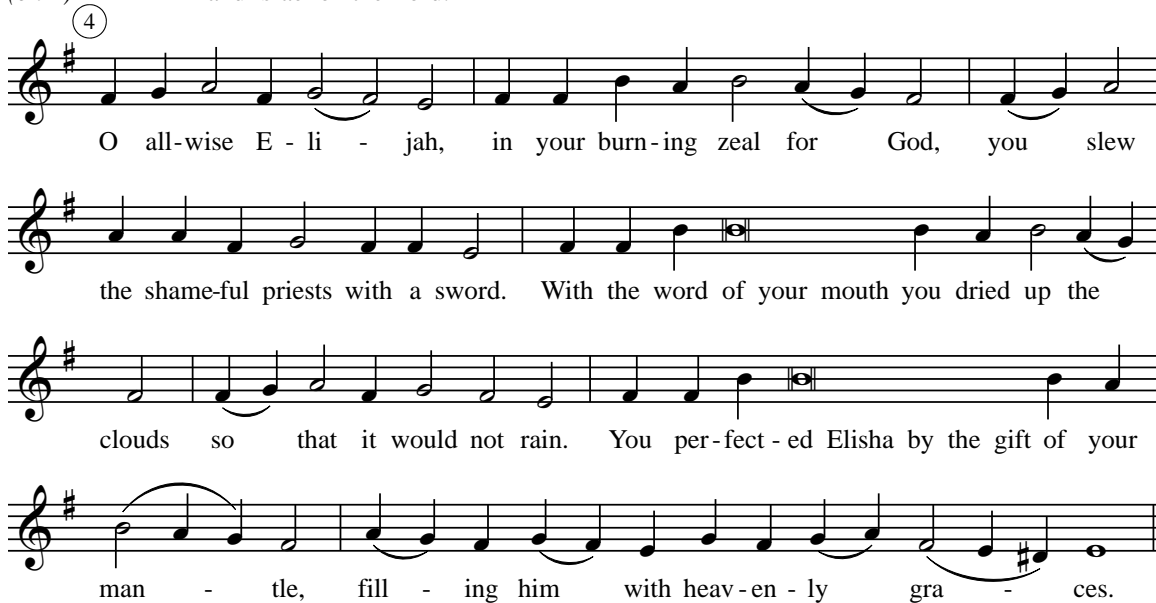
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O bless-ed E - li - jah, you en-count-ered God not in an earth - quake
but in the cool-ness of a gen-tle breeze. O God-inspired one, you went up to heaven
in a won-drous way, on a char - iot drawn by four hor - ses.
Thus you be-came a mar - vel to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

Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak,
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

4



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

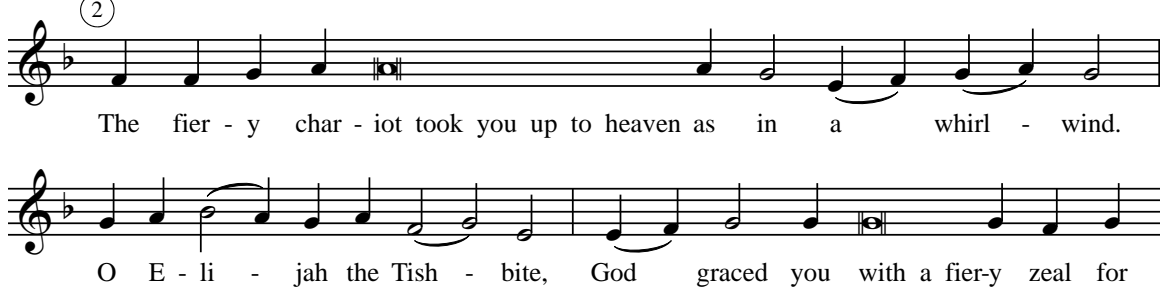
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The two lamp-stands, Eli-jah and E - li - sha, il - lu - mined the
whole world. One pre-vent - ed rain-drops from heav - en, re-proved the king,
and rose into heaven on a fier - y char - i - ot. The oth - er healed the
bar-ren wa - ters, and hav -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

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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.

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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 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.



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, 44, 42, 45-46; 19: 1-16

1 Kings 19:1 9-21 and 2 Kings 2: 1, and 6-14 EOT 321

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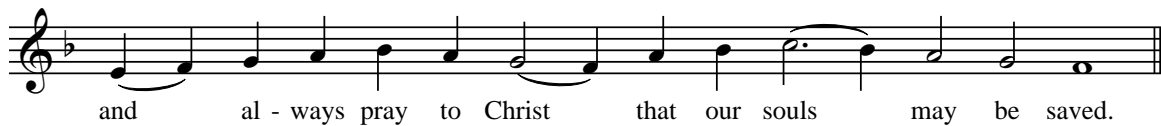
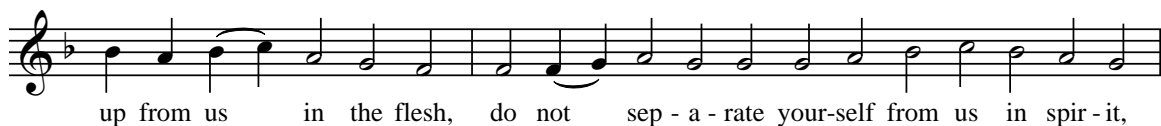
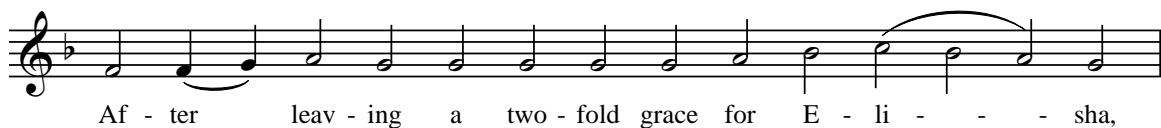
Tone 4 Bolhar



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

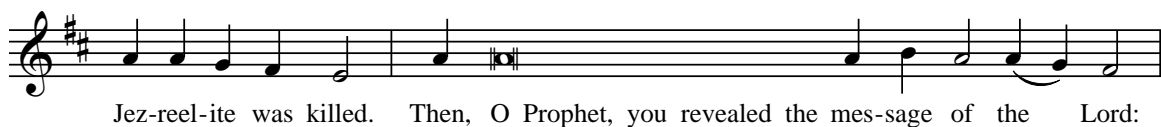
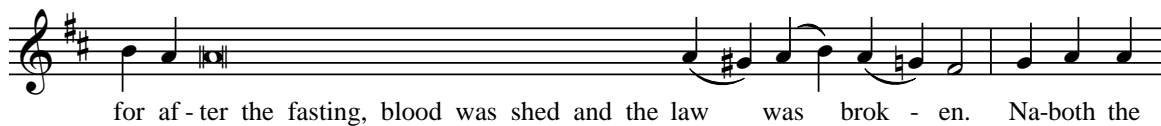
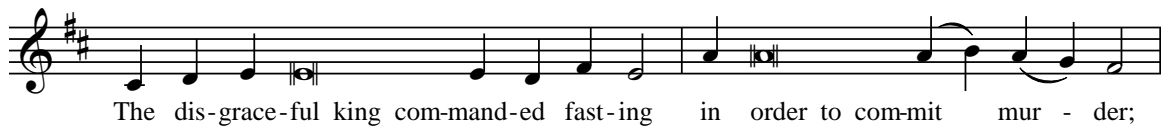


com - pa - ny of God my Sav - ior. Hav - ing di - vid - ed the



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

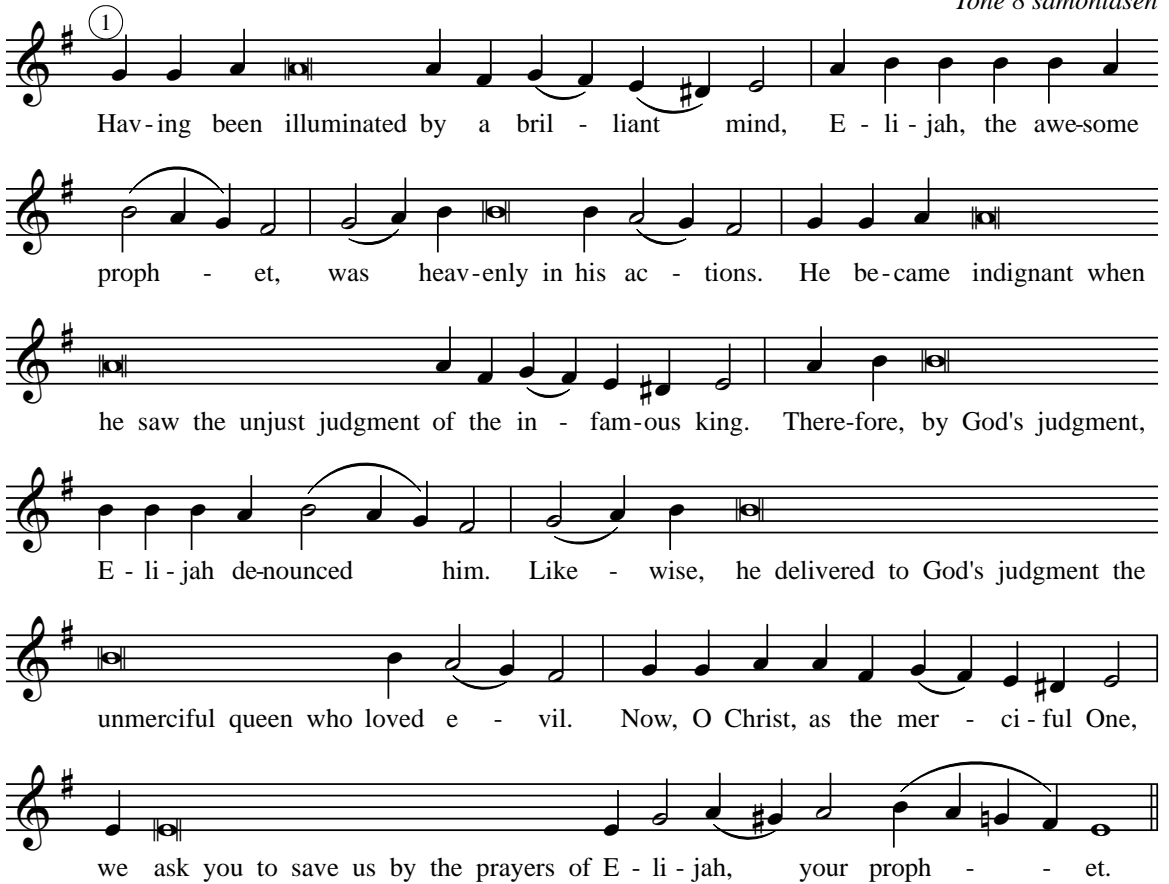
O The - o - to - kos, you are the true vine laden with the fruit of life.
There-fore, we im - plore you, O La - dy, to in - tercede together
with the apos-tles and the saints so that we may ob-tain mer-cy for our souls.

Litany of the Litija, p. 116

Aposticha

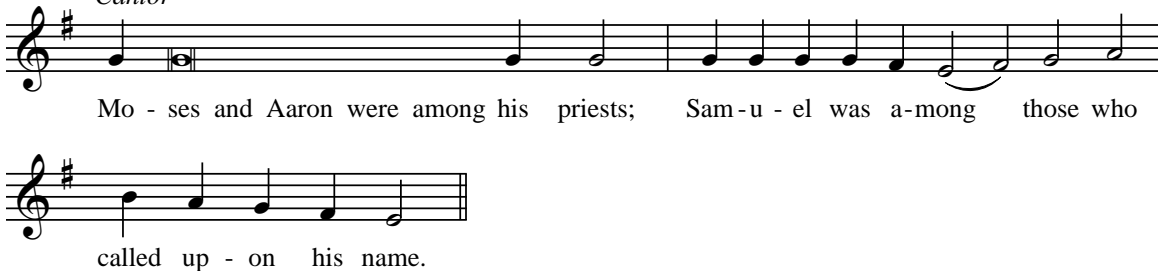
Tone 8 samohlasen

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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.

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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.

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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

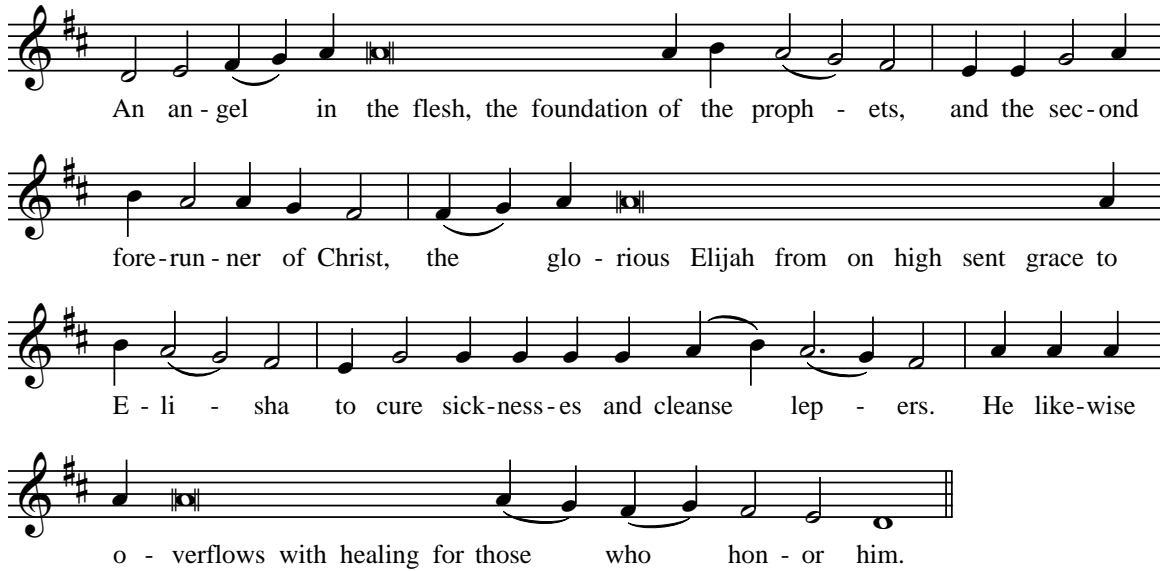
O Proph-et who foretold the com-ing of Christ, you are forever in the presence
 of the glo - ry of God, and you in - tercede for those who are suf - fer - ing.
 Since you serve the Maj-es - ty on High, you bless the whole world and are glo-ri-fied
 ev - 'ry - where. Now ob - tain for us for - give -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

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.