

Vesper Propers, June 14, 2009
Second Sunday after Pentecost

The holy prophet Elisha at Samaria or Sebaste in Palestine. He was a disciple of the prophet Elijah, and was himself a prophet in Israel from the time of King Joram to the days of Jehoash. Though his oracles do not remain, he nevertheless (by his working miracles for foreigners) announced the coming salvation for all people.

Our holy father Methodius, patriarch of Constantinople. While he was a monk, he betook himself to Rome to Pope St. Paschal the First in defense of the holy icons. Elevated to the episcopate, he solemnly celebrated the triumph of the orthodox faith with the restoration of the holy icons. (847)

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 24), stichera 10-7.

Cantor: (Tone 8) 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 Elisha - Tone 8 samohlasen

Hail, wise proph-et E-li-sha! Hav-ing pu-rified your heart of all
car-nal pleas-ures, you glo-riously received the lights of the Spir-it
which you ra-diantly com-mu-ni-cat-ed to all. You were to-tal-ly
trans-fig-ured in light; thus you dwell in the presence of the nev-er-set-ting Light,

and you cease-less - ly pray for us who ac-claim you.

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.

When E - li-jah, zeal-ous for God, the driv-er of the heav-en-ly char-i - ot,

was de-part-ing from you, O blessed E - li - sha, he made you shine with a

dou-ble por-tion of grace. Im - i - tat - ing his deeds, you stopped the flow

of the riv - - er, then lat - er glo - rious - ly set it free.

You now shine in splendor as you mag - ni - fy Christ our God.

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

For the faith - ful Shu-na-mite wom - - - an, you once ob-tained a child

through grace; lat-er, you raised him from the dead by your prayers, work-ing these signs

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 in the same tone (Tone 6), page 90.

Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 1), page 34.

streams of the new Jor - - - dan, mak-ing clear the proc - la - ma - tion of
 pi - e - ty, and clear - ly portraying by a dou - ble im - age the two - fold
 bless - ing of the harmoni - ous glo - ry of the Old and New for those who
 cel - ebrate their most fes - tive me - mo - ri - al with faith

Cantor: (Tone 1) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 1, page 30).

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, page 31), concluding with:

Cantor:

Aposticha doxastikon of the holy prophet Elisha - 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.

as God's proph - et. With salt, you purified the waters that caused miscarriage,
 O bless - ed proph - et. Thus we sing to you who work great won - ders
 by the grace of the all - pow - er - ful Spir - - - it.

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
 (on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of our holy father Methodius - Tone 8 samohlasen

O fa - ther Metho - di - us, wise in God., you were like a li - on
 that by the roar - ing of your all - wise teach - ings ter - ri - fied John the Grammari - an,
 that sly fox, for he could not endure your de - nun - ci - a - tion,
 and, as a wick - ed wretch, was felled by a blow from your sword. As a
 cham - pion of true be - liev - ers, there - fore, you did not leave the flock

of Christ to per - - - ish.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations,
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

O Me-tho-dius, you are the confir-ma-tion of or-tho-dox - y, the shep-herd

of the Church, the a-dorn-ment of monks, a river full to o-ver-flow - ing

with the wa-ters of the Spir - it, a cup pouring forth drink of sur-pas-sing

sweet - ness, a bea-con illumining the ends of the world, a two-edged sword

honed to sharp-ness by grace, which cuts down the hordes of the un-god - ly.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

O glo-ri-ous Me-tho - di - us, you are a model of con-fes - sion,

the foun-da-tion of ho-ly bish - ops, an in-stru-ment played by God

with the mel-o-dy of doc - trine, full of pi - ety, a dwelling place of

wis - dom, an a - byss of love, an everflowing stream of mer - - - cy,

a bowl pouring forth the drink of com-punc - tion, a flour-ish-ing gar-den of

par - a - dise.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory....

Doxastikon of the holy prophet Elisha - Tone 2 samohlasen

To - day the di - vine com - ing of the proph - ets has shone forth,

mys - ti - cally summon-ing the souls of those who love the feasts of the Church.

The one who mount-ed the chariot which crossed the heav - ens, the star of

the nev-er-set-ting East, to - geth-er with Elisha, the won-drous man, wid-ens the