

SUNDAY, JULY 20  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah

TONE 5

"Lord I Call..." Tone 5

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!  
Hear me, O Lord!  
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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. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your Name!*

**Tone 5**      *(for the Resurrection)*

By Your precious Cross, O Christ,  
You have put the devil to shame.  
By Your Resurrection, You have blunted the sting of sin  
and saved us from the gates of death.//  
We glorify You, O only begotten One.

*v. (9) The righteous will surround me, for You will deal bountifully with me.*

Christ was led as a sheep to the slaughter  
in order to grant Resurrection to the human race.  
The princes of hell were frightened by this,  
for the gates of sorrow were lifted.  
Christ the King of glory had entered,  
saying to those in chains: "Go forth!"//  
And to those in darkness: "Come to the light!"

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

O great wonder!

The Creator of the invisible suffered in the flesh in His love for man  
and rose again immortal.

Come, O sons of nations,

let us worship Him,

for delivered from error by His compassion,//

we have learned to sing of one God in three Persons!

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

*(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)*

We offer You our evening worship,

O never setting Light,

Who came in these last days to the world in the flesh;

Who even descended to hell to dispel its darkness.

Who has revealed the light of Resurrection to the nations.//

Glory to You, O Lord and Giver of light!

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

**Tone 1**

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

Elijah, blessed of God,

you beheld the presence of God that enlightened you,

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

and you ascended to heaven in a wondrous manner,

sitting upon a chariot drawn by four horses,//

you who are inspired by God.

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope 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. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

**Tone 2**      *(for Prophet Elijah, 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 streams of Jordan.//  
Now they rejoice with the Angels and pray for the salvation of our souls.

*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 confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

O never-setting light of the Church,  
O 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,  
calling 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**      *(for Prophet Elijah, by Byzantium)*

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,  
who hast received a double portion of grace from God!  
Rejoice, O 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 5**      *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

In the Red Sea of old,  
a type of the Virgin Bride was prefigured.  
There Moses divided the waters;  
here Gabriel assisted in the miracle.  
There Israel crossed the sea without getting wet,  
here the Virgin gave birth to Christ without seed.  
After Israel's passage, the sea remained impassable;  
after Emmanuel's birth, the Virgin remained a Virgin.  
O ever-existing God Who appeared as Man, //  
O Lord, have mercy on us!

**Old Testament Readings** *(Prophet Elijah)*

**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; IV Kings 2:1, 6-14)*

**Aposticha**

**Tone 5**      *(for the Resurrection)*

We magnify You in songs of praise,  
O incarnate Christ and Savior.  
By accepting the Cross and death for our sake,  
as the Lord and Lover of man,  
You overthrew the gates of hell, //  
and arose on the third day, saving our souls.

*V. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!*

By being pierced in the side, O Lover of man,  
You have poured out drops of life and salvation for all.  
By accepting death in the flesh, You have granted us immortality.  
You have freed us by being placed in the tomb,  
and have resurrected us with Yourself in glory, as God. //  
Glory to You, O Lord and Lover of man!

*V. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.*

Your crucifixion and descent into hell are awesome, O Lover of man.  
You have captured it, releasing the ancient prisoners.  
You have opened Paradise and given it to us.  
Grant us purification of sins,  
who glorify Your Resurrection on the third day!  
Make us worthy of Paradise//  
and save us, O Lover of man!

*V. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!*

For our sake, You accepted death in the flesh,  
to rise from the dead on the third day.  
Heal us from our earthly passions,  
and restore us from our evil transgressions;//  
and save us, O Lover of man!

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

**Tone 6**      *(for Prophet Elijah)*

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!

*(at Great Vespers)*

**Tone 5      Troparion    *(Resurrection)***

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co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
born for our salvation from the Virgin;  
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,  
to endure death,  
and to raise the dead//  
by His glorious Resurrection.

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

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

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.

*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.

*(at the Divine Liturgy)*

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**Tone 5      Kontakion    *(Resurrection)***

You descended into hell, O my Savior,  
shattering its gates as Almighty,  
resurrecting the dead as Creator,  
and destroying the sting of death.  
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//  
and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

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

O 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 man!

**Tone 5      Prokeimenon      *(Resurrection)***

You, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.  
*(Ps. 11:7)*

*V. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)*

**Tone 4      Prokeimenon      *(Prophet Elijah)***

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

**Epistle**

(110) Romans 12:6-14

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

**Tone 5**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*V. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim  
Your truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)*

*V. For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be  
prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)*

**Tone 4**

*V. Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who  
called on His Name. (Ps. 99:6)*

**Gospel**

(29) Matthew 9:1-8

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

**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*  
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil  
tidings! *(Ps. 111:6)*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!