

*8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Commemoration of the Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah*

VESPERS: Tone 7

P. Regular Beginning

C. Lord I have cried...

1. O **come** let us rejoice in the **Lo**-ord/ Who **destroyed** the power of death and **enlightened** mankind,/ and **let** us cry aloud with the **angels**::// Glory to Thee, our Creator and our **Saviour**.
2. **On** our account Thou hast endured the **Cross** and the tomb:/ and as **God** Thou hast by death also put **death** to death:/ **Therefore**, we worship Thy Resurrection on the **third** day:// Glory to **Thee**, O Lord.
3. On **beholding** the Resurrection of the Creator,/ the **Apostles**, marveling, sang an angelic **song** of praise:/ **Here** is the glory **of** the Church,/ **here** the richness of the **Kingdom**:/ **Glory** be to **Thee**, O Lord,// Who hast suffered **death** for us.
4. O **Christ**, though Thou hast been taken captive by **wicked** men,/ Thou **art** my God and I am **not** shamed;/ I deny not that Thy **back** was scourged;/ I keep not **hid** that Thou wast **nailed** to the Cross./ I **boast** of Thy Resurrection, for Thy **death** is my life:// O almighty Lord, Who lovest mankind, to Thee be **glory**.

Stichera for the Prophet Elijah (Tone 1)

5. O compassionate Word Who translated Elijah the **Tishbite**/ from the earth in a fiery **chariot**:/ by his supplications save us that glorify **Thee** in faith// and celebrate his divine and salvific **memory**.
6. In the **earthquake** and the **gentle** breeze/ thou didst perceive the coming of God which of old **enlightened** thee,/ O divinely blessed **Elijah**;/ and, seated in a chariot drawn by **four** steeds,/ amazed thou didst traverse the sky in a strange **manner**,// O divinely **inspired** one.
7. **Aflame** with zeal divine, thou didst slay the shameful **priests** with a knife;/ and with thy tongue thou didst **constrain** the sky,/ that it not rain **upon** the earth;/ and thou didst fill Elisha with **grace** divine,// by the twofold bestowal of thy mantle, O wise **Elijah**.

(Tone 2)

8. Two beacons have shone forth **upon** the world:/ the most radiant Elijah and **Elisha**!/ The one by the word of God shut up the drops of the **rains** of the sky,/ denounced the king, and was upborne to the heavens on a fiery **chariot**;/ the other cured bitter waters and, having received a double measure of grace, parted the **Jordan's** streams./ And now, joining chorus with the **angels**,// they pray for us, that our **souls** be saved.

9. The fiery chariot which caught thee up to the heavens on the air as in an **earthquake**,/ bestowed upon thee the fiery grace of **miracles**,/ O Elijah the **Tishbite**,/ rendering thee incorrupt, that thou wouldst not see death until thou hadst proclaimed the **end** to all./ Wherefore, come thou, granting us the instruction of thy **worthy** deeds.
10. O inextinguishable beacon **of** the Church,/ aflame with zeal divine, prophet **Elijah**!/ Thou didst shut up the drops of **heaven**;/ and, fed by a raven, thou didst rebuke the king, and didst put the **priests** to death;/ fire from heaven didst **thou** call down,/ and, having slain the two captains of **fifty**,/ thou didst sustain the widow with oil and a small **handful** of meal,/ and didst raise her son from the dead **by** thy prayer;/ fire didst thou kindle amid **water**;/ the streams of Jordan didst thou **traverse** on foot;/ thou didst ascend to the heavens on a fiery **chariot**,/ and didst bestow upon Elisha a double **measure** of grace.// Pray thou unceasingly to God, that our **souls** be saved!

Glory... (Tone 6)

Come, ye assemblage of the **Orthodox**,/ and, gathering together in the most honoured temple of the divinely eloquent **prophets** today,/ with psalmody let us chant a harmonious hymn unto Christ our God Who hath **glorified** them;/ and with joy and gladness let us **cry** out:/ Rejoice, O Elijah of great renown, earthly angel and **heavenly** man!/ Rejoice, O most honoured Elisha, who received from God a double **measure** of grace!/ Rejoice, ye fervent helpers, intercessors and physicians of the souls and bodies of Christ-loving **people**!/ From every hostile attack and evil **circumstance**,// deliver them that with faith celebrate your most festive **memory**.

Both now & ever... Dogmatikon (Tone 7)

**Thou**, O Theotokos, hast been acknowledged to be a **Mother**/ **above** and beyond nature, yet withal remaining a **Virgin**./ **This** is past words and understanding,/ and the **wonder** of thy giving birth no **tongue** can tell./ Most **glorious**, O pure Virgin, was thy **conceiving**;/ and **beyond** the grasp of mind, the manner of thy **bearing** child./ **For** when God so wills, the order of nature is **overthrown**./ **Therefore**, we all acknowledging thee as the Mother of God, fervently **beseech** thee:// Make supplication for our **souls** to be saved.

P Wisdom. Aright!

C. O Joyful Light...

P. Prokimenon. The Lord is King...

P. Wisdom!

R. The Reading from the Third Book of Kings

The word of the Lord came unto Elijah the prophet, and he said unto Ahab: "As the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, liveth, before Whom I stand, there shall not be these years dew nor rain, except by the word of my mouth." And the word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying: "Depart hence eastward, and bide thee by the brook of Cherith, that is before Jordan. And it shall be that thou shall drink water of the brook, and I will charge the ravens to feed thee there." And Elijah did according to the word of the Lord, and he sat by the brook of Cherish before Jordan. And the ravens brought him loaves in the morning, and flesh in the evening, and he drank

water of the brook. And it came to pass after some time, that the brook was dried up, because there had been no rain upon the earth. And the word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying: "Arise, and go to Zarephath of the Sidonian Land. Behold, I have there commanded a widow-woman to maintain thee." And he arose, and went to Zarephath, and came to the gate of the city: and, behold, a widow woman was there gathering sticks; and Elijah cried after her, and said to her: "Fetch thee, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. And she went to fetch it; and Elijah cried after her, and said: "Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of the bread that is in thy hand." And the woman said: "As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but a handful of meal in the pitcher, and a little oil in a cruse; and, behold, I am going to gather two sticks, and I shall go in, and prepare it for myself and my children, and we shall eat it and die." And Elijah said to her: "Be of good courage. Go in, and do according to thy word: but make me thereof a little cake, and thou shalt bring it out to me first, and thou shalt make some for thyself and thy children last. For thus saith the Lord: The pitcher of meal shall not fail, and the cruse of oil shall not diminish, until the day that the Lord giveth rain upon the earth." And the woman went and did so, and did eat, she and he, and her children. And the pitcher of meal failed not, and the cruse of oil was not diminished, according to the word of the Lord which he spake by the hand of Elijah. And it came to pass afterward, that the son of the woman who was mistress of the house was sick; and his sickness was very severe, until there was no breath left in him. And she said to Elijah: "What have I to do with thee, O man of God? Hast thou come in to me to bring my sins to remembrance, and to slay my son?" And Elijah said to the woman: "Give me thy son." And he took him out of her bosom, and took him up to the chamber in which he himself lodged, and laid him on the bed. And Elijah cried aloud, and said: "Alas, O Lord, the witness of the widow with whom I sojourn, Thou hast wrought evil for her in slaying her son." And he breathed on the child thrice, and called on the Lord, and said: "O Lord my God, let, I pray Thee, the soul of this child return to him." And it was so, and the child cried out, and he brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and give him to his mother; and Elijah said: "See, thy son liveth." And the woman said to Elijah: "Behold, I know that thou art a man of God, and the word of the Lord in thy mouth is true."

#### R. The Reading from the Third Book of Kings

The word of God came to Elijah the Tishbite in the third year of the reign of Ahab, saying: "Go, and appear before Ahab, and I will bring rain upon the face of the earth." And it came to pass when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to Elijah: "Art thou he who perverteth Israel?" And Elijah said: "I do not pervert Israel: but it is thou and thy father's house, in that ye forsake the Lord your God, and thou hast gone after Baalim. And now send, gather to me all Israel to Mount Carmel, and the prophets of shame four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, that eat at Jezebel's table." And Ahab sent to all Israel, and gathered all the prophets to Mount Carmel. And Elijah drew near to them all; and Elijah said to them: "How long will ye halt between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." And the people answered not a word. And Elijah said to the people: "I am left, the only one prophet of the Lord; and the prophets of Baal are four hundred and fifty men, and the prophets of the groves four hundred. Let them give us two oxen, and let them choose one for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire on the wood; and I will dress the other bullock, and

put on no fire. And do ye call loudly on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord my God, and it shall come to pass that the God Who shall answer by fire, He is God." And all the people answered, and said: "The word which thou hast spoken is good." And Elijah said to the prophets of shame: "Choose to yourselves one calf, and dress it first, for ye are many; and call ye on the name of your god; but apply no fire." And they took the calf, and dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning till noon, and said: "Hear us, O Baal, hear us!" And there was no voice, neither was there hearing, and they ran up and down on the altar which they had made. And it was noon, and Elijah the Tishbite mocked them, and said: "Call with a loud voice, for he is a god; for he is meditating, or else perhaps he is engaged in business, or perhaps he is asleep, and is to be awakened." And they cried with a loud voice, and cut themselves according to their custom with knives and lancets until the blood gushed out upon them. And they prophesied until the evening came; and it came to pass as it was the time of the offering of the sacrifice, that Elijah the Tishbite spoke to the prophets of the abominations, saying: "Stand by for the present, and I will offer my sacrifice." And they stood aside and departed. And Elijah said to the people: "Come near to me." And all the people came near to him. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of Israel, as the Lord spake to him, saying: "Israel shall be thy name." And he built up the stones in the name of the Lord, and repaired the altar that had been broken down; and he made a trench that would hold two measures of seed round about the altar. And he piled the cleft wood on the altar which he had made, and divided the wholeburnt offering, and laid it on the wood, and laid it in order on the altar, and said: "Fetch me four pitchers of water, and pour it on the wholeburnt offering, and on the wood." And they did so. And he said: "Do it the second time." And they did it the second time. And he said: "Do it the third time." And they did it the third time. And the water ran round about the altar, and they filled the trench with water. And Elijah cried aloud to heaven, and said: "Lord God of Abraham, and Isaac, and Israel, answer me, O Lord! Answer me this day by fire, and let all this people know that Thou art the Lord, the God of Israel, and I am Thy servant, and for Thy sake I have wrought these works. Hear me, O Lord, hear me; and let this people know that thou art the Lord God, and Thou hast turned back the heart of this people!" Then fire fell from the Lord out of heaven, and devoured the wholeburnt offerings, and the wood, and the water that was in the trench; and the fire licked up the stones and the earth. And all the people fell upon their faces, and said: "Truly the Lord is God; He is God!" And Elijah said to the people: "Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of the escape." And they took them, and Elijah brought them down to the brook of Kishon, and he slew them there. And Elijah said to Ahab: "Make ready thy chariot, and go down, lest the rain overtake thee." And Elijah went up to Carmel, and stooped to the ground, and put his face between his knees, and prayed to the Lord. And it came to pass in the meanwhile that the heaven grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab wept, and went to Jezreel. And the hand of the Lord was upon Elijah, and he girt up his loins, and ran before Ahab to Jezreel. And Ahab told Jezebel his wife all that Elijah had done, and how he had slain the prophets with the sword. And Jezebel sent to Elijah, and said: "If thou art Elijah and I am Jezebel, God do so to me, and more also, if I do not make thy life by this time tomorrow as the life of one of them." And Elijah feared, and rose, and departed for his life: and he came to Beersheba, to the land of Judah, and he left his servant there. And he himself went a day's journey in the

wilderness, and came and sat under a juniper tree; and asked concerning his life that he might die, and said: "Let it be enough now, O Lord. Take, I pray Thee, my life from me; for I am no better than my fathers." And he lay down and slept there under a tree; and behold, someone touched him, and said to him: "Arise and eat." And Elijah looked, and, behold, at his head there was a cake of meal and a cruse of water; and he arose, and ate and drank, and returned and lay down. And the angel of the Lord returned again, and touched him, and said to him: "Arise, and eat, for the journey is far from thee." And he arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Mount Horeb. And he entered there into a cave, and rested there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and said: "What doest thou here, Elijah?" And Elijah said: "I have been very zealous for the Lord Almighty, because the children of Israel have forsaken Thee: they have dragged down Thine altars, and have slain Thy prophets with the sword; and I only am left alone, and they seek my life to take it." And He said: "Thou shalt go forth tomorrow, and shall stand before the Lord in the mount; behold, the Lord will pass by." And behold, a great and strong wind rending the mountains, and crushing the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: and after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire, the voice of a gentle breeze. And it came to pass when Elijah heard that, he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went forth and stood in the cave; and behold, a voice came to him, and said: "What doest thou here, Elijah?" And Elijah said: "I have been very zealous for the Lord Almighty; for the children of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, and they have overthrown thine altars, and have slain Thy prophets with the sword; and I am left entirely alone, and they seek my life to take it." And the Lord said to him: "Go, return, and thou shalt come into the way of the wilderness of Damascus; and thou shalt go and anoint Azael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy stead."

#### R. The Reading from the Fourth Book of Kings

It came to pass in those days that Elijah found Elisha, the son of Shaphat, and he was ploughing with oxen. There were twelve yoke before him, and he with the twelve, and he passed by to him, and cast his mantle upon him. And Elisha left the cattle, and ran after Elijah, and said: "I will kiss my father, and follow after thee." And Elijah said: "Return, for I have done a work for thee." And he returned from following him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled them with the instruments of the oxen, and gave to the people, and they ate: and he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered to him. And it came to pass, when the Lord was going to take Elijah with a whirlwind as if into heaven, that Elijah and Elisha went out of Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha: "Stay here, I pray thee; for God hath sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said: "As the Lord liveth, and thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee." And they both went on. And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went also, and they stood opposite afar off: and both stood on the bank of the Jordan. And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the water: and the water was divided on this side and on that side, and they both went over on dry ground. And it came to pass while they were crossing over, that Elijah said to Elisha: "Ask what I shall do for thee before I am taken up from thee." And Elisha said: "Let there be, I pray thee, a double portion of thy spirit upon me." And Elijah said: "Thou hast asked a hard thing: if thou shalt see me when I am

taken up from thee, then shall it be so to thee; and if not, it shall not be so." And it came to pass as they were going, they went on talking; and behold, a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and it separated between them both; and Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind as it were into heaven. And Elisha saw, and cried: "Father, father, the chariot of Israel, and the horses thereof!" And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his garments, and rent them into two pieces. And Elisha took up the mantle of Elijah, which fell from off him upon Elisha; and Elisha returned, and stood upon the bank of Jordan; and he took the mantle of Elijah, which fell from off him, and smote the water, and they did not divide; And Elisha said: "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" And Elisha smote the waters a second time, and they were divided hither and thither; and Elisha went over as on dry land.

- P. Augmented Litany
- R. Vouchsafe...
- P. Litany of Fervent Supplication

C. Litya

*The first sticheron is that of the temple followed by:*

(Tone 4)

O blessed prophet, thou didst share in incorrupt union in God my Saviour./ Parting the Jordan by prayer,/ thou didst cross it as dry land,/ and wast caught up on a fiery chariot to the heavens,/ leaving Elisha a double portion of grace./ Wherefore, we beseech thee: though thou hast been caught up in body,/ yet sunder not thyself from us in spirit,// and ever entreat the Lord, that our souls be saved.

O prophet of God,/ thou wast shown to be a luminous cloud,/ letting fall a shower of divine knowledge upon all the faithful,/ richly giving the wine of gladness as drink unto all/ who with faith have recourse to thy most divine temple./ Wherefore, we entreat thee, O divine prophet and God-seer Elijah:/ Grant health to our Orthodox hierarchs,// and great mercy to our souls.

Thou didst subject the flesh to the governing mind, O divine prophet Elijah,/ diligently ascending in thy heart as by steps./ Wherefore, having rebuked the unrighteous king and pronounced the sentence of the wrath of God,/ with a knife didst thou destroy the shameful priests as unrighteous,/ and hast clearly taught all to cry out:// "Truly there is one God: Him Whom Elijah hath preached!"

Glory... (Tone 6)

O, the commands of the ungodly king!/ O, the fast, full of blood and iniquity!/ Jezebel proclaimed a fast, that she might commit murder,/ and straightway Naboth the Israelite was slain./ And what didst thou say to these things, O prophet?/ "Thus saith the Lord: Inasmuch as thou hast unjustly slain a man of Israel,/ thus shall thy blood also be spilled,/ and harlots shall wash themselves in thy blood!"/ O Christ, by the prayers of Thy prophet and preacher,// deliver our souls from such inhumanity, for Thou lovest mankind.

Both... O Theotokos,/ thou art the true vine which hath budded forth for us the Fruit of life./ Entreat Him with our venerable father Elijah and all the saints,// we pray thee, O Mistress, that our souls find mercy.

APOSTICHA: (Tone 7)

1. **Rising** from the tomb, O **Saviour** of the world,/ Thou **hast**, together with Thy flesh, **raised** up man:// To Thee, O Lord, be **glory**.

V. The Lord is King,/ and hath put on glorious apparel.

2. **Come**, let us **worship** Him,/ Who **rose** from the tomb and gave **light** to all./ For **by** His resurrection on the **third** day/ He **set** us free from the **tyranny** of hell,// granting us life and great **mercy**.

V. He hath made the world so sure/ that it cannot be moved.

3. O **Christ**, the Lord, Who alone **lovest** mankind,/ **Thou** hast descended **into** hell,/ **despoiling** death and rising upon the **third** day;/ Thou hast **raised** us up with Thee glorifying Thine all-powerful **Resurrection**,// O Thou Who **lovest** mankind.

V. Holiness becometh Thine house/ O Lord, forever.

4. O **Lord**, what an awful sight it was to see Thee lying as if **asleep** in the tomb;/ yet **Thou** didst rise on the third **day** in might,/ **raising** up with Thee **Adam**, who cried:// Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Thou, Who alone **lovest** mankind.

Glory... (Tone 6)

O prophet, **preacher** of Christ,/ thou dost never depart from the Throne of **Majesty**,/ and ever intercedest for every one afflicted with **sickness**./ Ministering in the Highest, glorified in all **places**,/ thou dost bless the **whole** world.// Ask thou for **cleansing** for our souls.

Both... (Tone 6)

O all-hallowed **Virgin**,/ Christ, the Maker and Deliverer and Lord **proceeded** from thy womb,/ and clothing Himself in me, set man free from the original curse of **Adam**./ Wherefore, O all-pure **Virgin**,/ we sing without ceasing to thee as Mother of God and **Virgin**/ in truly the greeting of the **angel**:// Rejoice! O Lady, advocate and defender and **salvation** of our souls.

C. St. Symeon's Prayer

R. Trisagion

C. Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos x2

C. Troparion for the Prophet Elijah (Tone 4)

The angel in the flesh, the foundation of the prophets,/ the second forerunner of the Coming of Christ,/ the glorious Elijah from on High sent down grace upon Elisha/ to dispel infirmities and to cleanse lepers.// Wherefore, he poureth forth healings upon them that honour him.

P. Blessing of loaves.

C. Amen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord... x3

Psalm 33:1-10

MATINS: Tone 7

- P. Regular Beginning
- P. Great Ectenia
- C. God is the Lord...

Sunday Troparia (Tone 7) x2

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death./ To the thief, Thou didst open paradise./ For the myrrh-bearers, thou didst change weeping into joy/ and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,/ to proclaim that Thou art risen// granting the world great mercy.

Glory... Troparion for the Prophet Elijah (Tone 4)

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Both... Theotokion (Tone 4)

The mystery hidden from all ages/ and unknown to the angels/ was made manifest to those on earth through Thee, O Theotokos:/ God took flesh in a union without confusion/ and for our sakes willingly accepted the Cross;/ and thereby He raised the **first** formed man// and saved our **souls** from death.

Lord Have Mercy 3x  
Glory...

- R. Now...
- R. Kathisma II
- P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns:

Life lay in the tomb, and the seal lay upon the stone. The soldiers guarded Christ as they would a sleeping king, and the angels glorified Him as immortal God. And the women cried aloud: The Lord hath risen, granting great mercy to the world!

V. Arise, O Lord my God, let Thy hand be lifted high; forget not Thy paupers to the end.

O Christ God, Who by Thy burial madest death captive, and Who by Thine arising raised up man who had become corrupt: Glory to Thee, in that Thou lovest mankind!

G/B... As thou, who art sung by all the world, art the treasure house of our Resurrection, lead out of the pit and abyss of their offences, those who have put their faith in thee. For thou who before bearing child wast Virgin, and in childbirth and after childbirth hast remained Virgin, hast saved us by giving birth to our salvation.

- R. Kathisma III
- P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns:

While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth life from the grave, O Christ God; and while the doors were shut, Thou, the Resurrection of all, didst stand before the disciples, through them renewing an upright spirit for us, according to Thy great mercy.

V. I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, I will tell of all Thy wonders.

The women ran to Thy tomb, bearing myrrh and tears; and while the soldiers were keeping watch over Thee, the King of all, they said to themselves: "Who will roll away the stone for us?" But the Angel of great Counsel had arisen, trampling down death. O Lord almighty, glory be to Thee!

G/B... Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos full of grace, haven and intercession for the human race, for of thee did the Deliverer of the world become incarnate, for thou alone art both Mother and Virgin, ever-blessed and all-glorious. Entreat Christ God, that He grant peace to all the world.

C. Polyeleos

P. Magnification (once only by clergy)

We magnify thee, O glorious Elijah, prophet and forerunner of the Coming of the Lord, and we honour thy fiery ascent to heaven in the flesh.

C. Evlogitaria (Blessed art Thou, O Lord...)

P. Small Ectenia

R. Ypakoe:

O Christ God, Who assumed our form and endured the Cross in the flesh, save me by Thy resurrection, in that Thou lovest mankind.

R. Sessional Hymns for the Prophet Elijah

Ascending on a fiery chariot as on the wings of the wind, O divine prophet, thou dost most gloriously make thy journey to the heavens today, leaving to Elisha a double portion of grace and thy mantle from on high.

Thy divine temple poureth forth healings upon all, O most wondrous prophet. With the most marvelous Elisha, entreat Christ to send down peace upon the world and great mercy upon the people that honour thee.

Glory... Being a lover of wisdom, O most honoured prophet, openly denouncing the unjust king who acted unrighteously, thou didst constrain him to cry out: "Truly there is but one God: He Who is preached by Elijah!" And thence thou didst proceed to rebuke Jezebel for her plundering and love of gold. O prophet and forerunner of the Coming of Christ, Elijah of great renown: Entreat Christ God, that He grant remission of sins to those who with faith glorify thine ascent.

Both... All of us, the generations of man, bless thee, the Virgin who alone among women gave birth without seed unto God in the flesh. For the fire of the Godhead dwelt within thee, and with milk didst thou nurture thy Creator and Lord as an infant. Wherefore, we, the race of angels and of men, glorify thine all-holy birthgiving as is meet, and together cry out to

thee: Entreat Christ God, that He grant remission of sins unto those who with faith worship thine all-holy birthgiving!

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon One)

O Saviour Who turned the captivity of Sion away from falsehood, grant life unto me, rescuing me from enslaving passions.

He who with tears soweth the afflictions of fasting in the south shall reap sheaves of joy and everlasting life.

G/B... Through the Holy Spirit cometh the well-spring of divine treasures: from Him are wisdom, understanding and fear, and to Him are due praise and glory, honour and dominion.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Two)

If the Lord buildeth not the house of the soul, in vain do we labor; For without Him is no work or word made perfect.

Moved by the Spirit, the saints, made true children through adoption by the Son, have transmitted the teachings of the Father.

G/B... Through the Holy Spirit doth everything come into being; for, from before the beginning of time, He hath been the God of all, the Lord of all, the unapproachable Light, and the Life of all.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Three)

Having found the paths of life, they who fear the Lord are blessed, now and forever, with incorruptible glory.

Seeing thine offspring like the trunks of trees round about thy table, rejoice and be glad, leading them to Christ, the Chief Shepherd.

G/B... From the Holy Spirit come an abyss of gifts, a wealth of glory and great depths of judgment; for, equal in glory with the Father and the Son, He is worshipped with Them.

P. Prokimenon: (Tone 7)

Arise, O Lord my God, let Thy hand be lifted high;/ forget not Thy paupers to the end.

V. I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart.

Let every breath praise the Lord.

GOSPEL #8

C. Having Beheld the Resurrection of Christ...

R. Psalm 50

C. Glory... Now... Have mercy on me... Jesus having risen...

P. Save, O God, Thy People...

Anointing.

Canticle One

Irmos: By Thy hand was the nature of water,/ which before was fluid,/ transformed into solid form, O Lord./ Wherefore, having passed through it dryshod,// Israel chanteth to Thee a hymn of victory.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

By the Tree was the tyranny of death overthrown, when Thou was condemned to an unjust death, O Lord; thus, utterly unable to vanquish Thee, the prince of darkness was rightly banished.

Hades drew nigh to Thee, but his fangs were unable to rend Thy body, and his jaws were broken; wherefore, having destroyed the pangs of death, O Saviour, Thou didst arise on the third day.

Theotokion

The pangs of our first mother Eve have been eased, for, eluding pain, thou gavest birth without knowing man. Wherefore, clearly knowing thee to be the Theotokos, O all-pure one, we all glorify thee.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

O Virgin who gavest birth to the Abyss of loving-kindness, illumine my soul with thy luminous effulgence, that I may hymn the abyss of thy wonders as is meet.

Seeing us wounded by the dart of sin, the Word took pity on us, as our Benefactor; wherefore, the All-divine One ineffably united Himself to flesh He had received from thee, O most pure one.

Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us!

Desiring to behold the fiery power of the miracles of Elijah, his fiery and honoured tongue and strength of spirit, we have assembled as is meet.

O God-bearer, our lips and the muteness and lack of skill of our tongue do thou rectify by the activity of the Spirit which is within thee, and illumine us, that we may hymn thy wonders.

Thou dost grant that which transcendeth nature unto those who have submitted to Thine honoured precepts, O Word, and Thou dost make the portals of the rain subject to them through the Spirit, confirming their word.

Theotokion

To the Lord Who was born of the Virgin and Who hath renewed the world, and Who for her sake hath bestowed upon us life divine, we chant a hymn of victory, for He hath been glorified.

Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us!

Thou hast been shown to be a harp struck by the plectrum of God, O most wondrous prophet, hymning the omniscient God Who rewardeth all according to their deeds.

O wondrous prophet, unable to endure falsehood, thou didst denounce the unrighteous king for his iniquity. Wherefore, thou didst impose God's sentence of condemnation, full of wrath, upon him.

Glory...O divine Elijah, prophet and forerunner of grace, having denounced Ahab, the iniquitous king, as a transgressor of the Law, thou didst destroy the shameful prophets as ungodly.

Both... O ye faithful, let us make haste to praise the Mother of Christ in hymns as is meet, for she gave birth unto the Saviour of all, Who is the Master of life and death.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

I shall open my mouth/ and the Spirit will inspire it,/ and I shall utter the words of my song to the Queen and Mother:/ I shall be seen radiantly **keeping** feast// and joyfully praising her **wonders**.

Canticle Three

Irmos: O Lord and Saviour/ Who in the beginning established the heavens by Thine omnipotent Word/ and confirmed all their power by the all-accomplishing and divine Spirit:// establish me upon the immovable rock of the confession of Thee!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Having ascended the Tree, O compassionate Saviour, of Thine own will Thou didst experience pain for our sake and didst endure the wounding which won reconciliation and salvation for the faithful. And thereby have we all been reconciled with Thy Father, O Merciful One.

Having cleansed of sores me who was wounded by the sting of the serpent, O Christ, Thou didst show forth light unto me who from of old have lain in darkness and corruption; for having descended into hades through the Cross, Thou didst raise me up with Thyself.

Theotokion

Through the entreaties of Thy Mother who knew not man, O Saviour, grant peace to the world, and vouchsafe Thine ineffable glory unto those who glorify Thee.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

The serpent who slithered forth from Eden, beguiling me with a desire to become a god, hath cast me down to the ground; but He Who is merciful and compassionate by nature, having made His abode within thy womb and become like unto me, O Virgin Mother, hath taken pity and deified me.

Blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, O Virgin Theotokos, thou joy of all; for, for the whole world thou gavest birth unto the Joy and Gladness which truly dispelleth the grief of sin, O Bride of God.

Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us!

He Who alone sustaineth every living thing by His good will, through a raven provided thee with a banquet as a chosen guest, O Prophet. To Him do we all cry out: Thou art our God, and there is none holy save Thee, O Lord!

Grace be to the Benefactor and Guardian Who, in His ineffable providence, nourished the widow and the prophet. To Him do we all cry out: Thou art our God, and none is holy save Thee, O Lord!

O thou who didst forbid the rain-laden clouds to pour forth, when the widow of Zarephath was deprived of food, thou didst cause the remnant of her food to increase continually; and didst cry out: None is holy save Thee, O Lord!

#### Theotokion

Thou alone, surpassing everyone from ages past, hast been vouchsafed great things transcending nature, for thou didst receive the infinite God of all creation within thy womb and didst give Him flesh. Wherefore, we all honour thee as the Theotokos.

Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us!

With mercy didst thou chastise all, and takest pity on all that with faith have recourse to thee in thy temple. And in asking help of thee they have in no wise erred.

Thou didst rebuke Ahab, the ungodly king, O divine prophet, and thou didst judge him with the judgment of God as a violator of the law.

Glory... The shameless Queen Jezebel sought to slay thee, O prophet most divine, for thou didst pronounce the sentence of death upon her unholy priests, as was meet.

Both... O Mistress, we hymn thee as a place of the priesthood of glory and the altar which held Christ, the Bread of life, O pure one.

#### C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

O **M**other of God,/ thou living and **pl**entiful fount,/ give **st**rength to those united in spiritual **fe**llowship,/ who sing hymns of **pr**aise to thee:/ And in thy divine **gl**ory// vouchsafe unto them crowns of **gl**ory.

#### P. Small Ectenia

#### C. Kontakion for the Prophet (Tone 2)

O prophet, foreseer of the mighty works of our God,/ Elijah of great renown,/ who by thy voice didst restrain the cloud of rain:/ in our behalf entreat thou Him// that alone is the Lover of mankind.

#### R. Ikos

Beholding the great iniquity of men and the great love of God for mankind, the prophet Elijah was troubled and grew wroth; and he addressed pitiless words to the Merciful One, crying out: "Be Thou angered against those who deny Thee, O righteous Judge!" But he did not move the compassion of the Good One to torment those who deny Him, for He Who alone loveth mankind doth ever await the repentance of all.

#### R. Sessional Hymns

O ye faithful, with hymns let us all praise Elijah the Tishbite, the wellspring of miracles and adornment of prophets; for, being immortal while yet in the flesh, as a mortal he assureth us of the resurrection of the

dead. Wherefore, having boldness before God, he granteth healing to those who ask with faith, and earnestly beseecheth Christ to bestow remission of offenses upon those who with love celebrate his holy memory. 2x

G/B... Having fallen into subtle temptations through the activity of mine enemies, visible and invisible, I am caught fast in the tempest of my countless offenses. And I flee to the haven of thy goodness, as to my fervent help and protection, O pure one. Wherefore, O most pure lady, earnestly entreat Him Who was incarnate of thee without seed, in behalf of all thy servants that unceasingly pray to thee, O all-pure Theotokos, who dost ever beseech Him to grant remission of offenses to those who hymn thy glory as is meet.

#### Canticle Four

Irmos: O Christ God Who, without leaving the bosom of the Father, didst descend to earth; I have heard the mystery of Thy dispensation, and have glorified Thee, Who alone lovest mankind.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Giving His shoulders over to stripes, the innocent Master, Who was incarnate of the Virgin, was beaten by a most sinful servant, loosing mine offenses.

Standing before the tribunal of iniquitous judges, the Judge is examined as one indicted; and He Who judgeth the earth with righteousness and as God formed man is smitten by a hand of clay.

#### Theotokion

In that thou art truly the Mother of God, entreat thy Creator and Son, O most immaculate one, that He guide me to the saving haven of His glorious will.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

O most hymned one, who even before creation appeared to God as wholly elect and beauteous in the splendor of thy radiance, enlighten those who hymn thee.

For man, O pure one, thou gavest birth unto God, Who became incarnate of thy pure blood, and delivereth from many offenses those who with love glorify and honour thee, O Mother and Virgin.

Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us!

Thou art shown to be one that cutteth off evil at its root and a planter of virtue, O wise prophet. Wherefore, we bless thee.

With reproaches the widow who fed thee upbraided thee for the death of her son, moving thee to raise him from the dead.

Thou didst clearly signify the glory of the Trinity with thy threefold breathing, and didst hand back alive the child to his mother.

O how thou didst burn, aflame with divine fire and zeal, O prophet, denouncing the king who wrought iniquities!

Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us!

The Lord crowned thee a prophet, O most wise one, granting thee the grace to foretell things of the future as though they were of the present. Wherefore, beholding now the fulfillments of thy words, we bless thee ever with praises as a true prophet.

As the soul of Thy prophet was most greatly adorned with humble-mindedness, O Christ God, aflame with zeal which surpasseth fire he destroyed the shameful priests.

Glory... Reflecting the Light with thy countenance, like a mirror, thou dost stand before the face of Christ, O most wondrous prophet, whence do thou mercifully visit us, that with praises we may all bless thee as a prophet.

Both... Having acquired thee as our hope and confirmation, an impregnable rampart of salvation, O all-hymned one, we are delivered from all evil.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

**He** Who sits in glory upon the throne of the **Godhead**,/ Jesus the **true** God,/ is **come** in a **swift** cloud,/ and with His pure hand He has saved **those** who cry:// Glory to Thy **power**, O Lord.

Canticle Five

Irmos: Night is bereft of light for those without faith, O Christ,/ but for the faithful there is enlightenment in the sweetness of Thy words;/ wherefore, I rise early unto Thee// and hymn Thy divinity.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

For Thy servants art Thou betrayed, and Thou endurest blows to Thy cheeks, which win freedom for those who chant: I rise early unto Thee and hymn Thy divinity!

By Thy divine power, O Christ, Thou didst cast down the mighty one with Thy weak human flesh, and by Thy resurrection Thou hast shown me to be a victor over death, O Saviour.

Theotokion

O pure Mother, thou gavest birth unto God, Who as God became incarnate of thee, O most hymned one; and though thou hadst no concourse with the male gender, yet dost thou give birth through the Holy Spirit.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Beholding the ladder set firmly in the highest, Jacob understood it to be an image of thee, O thou who knewest not wedlock; for through thee hath God come into fellowship with men, O most pure Mistress.

Having now found everlasting deliverance through thee, O Virgin, we earnestly cry out to thee, "Rejoice!", O Bride of God; and uplifted to joy by thy light, O most hymned one, we hymn thee in songs.

Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us!

The law of thy fathers hath showed thee forth as a true man of prayer, O Elijah, a wonderworker who transformed the nature of the elements and utterly consumed the righteous sacrifice with water.

As thou art a true minister of God, thou didst utterly put to shame the prophets of abominable shame, O venerable and most blessed Elijah, clearly marking the power of the Trinity.

Rendering priestly service through the word of grace, O Elijah, consumed with zeal as with fire thou didst slay the shameful priests with thy blameless hands.

#### Theotokion

To thee that gavest birth unto Christ, the Creator of all, we cry out: Rejoice, O pure one! Rejoice, thou who hast shone forth the Light upon us! Rejoice, thou who didst contain the infinite God!

Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us!

O prophet Elijah, whom the unwaning splendor of divine grace hath revealed, having diligently acquired a mind most divine, thou doth move the pious to hymnody.

Who doth not marvel at thy divine zeal, O wondrous prophet? And who doth not hymn Christ Who hath given thee such great might?

Glory... With prophecy wast thou adorned by God, O Elijah, most wondrous prophet; wherefore, having wholly united thyself to God, denouncing falsehood, thou didst lead the Israelites to the knowledge of God.

Both... O Theotokos, who gavest birth to the never-setting Sun, enlighten me who am utterly benighted by the passions, and fill me with light divine.

#### C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

The whole **world** was amazed at thy divine **glory**,/ for **thou**, O Virgin who hast not known **wedlock**,/ hast **held** in thy womb the **God** of all,/ and hast given birth to an **eternal** Son,// Who rewards with salvation all who sing thy **praises**.

#### Canticle Six

Irmos: Sailing amid the tumult of the cares of life,/ I founder with the ship of sin and am cast to the soul-destroying beast;/

yet like Jonah I cry to Thee, O Christ;/// Lead me up from  
the deadly abyss!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The souls of the righteous imprisoned in hell and left there, remembered Thee and besought salvation of Thee, which through the Cross Thou didst grant to the nether regions, O Christ, having come there full of loving-kindness.

The choir of the apostles despaired of ever seeing again Thine animate temple not made by man, which was destroyed by Thy sufferings; yet, beyond hope, they worshipped Thee and everywhere proclaimed Thee risen.

Theotokion

Who among men can explain the manner of thine ineffable birthgiving which took place for our sake, O Virgin Bride of God? For God the Word, Who is uncircumscribable, uniting Himself to thee, became flesh through thee.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

The images of the law and the foretellings of the prophets clearly proclaimed beforehand thee, O pure one, who wouldst give birth to the Benefactor of all creation, Who continually and in manifold ways hath benefited those who hymn thee with faith.

The first-created Adam, who of old was banished from the divine delight of Eden through the treachery of the slayer of man, didst thou restore when thou gavest birth unto Him Who hath delivered us from his transgression, O thou who knewest not wedlock.

Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us!

A pillar of piety and the pure life, an instiller of purity, and an emulator of the angels wast thou, O wondrous God-bearer Elijah.

The wrath of the prophet-slaying woman, having frightened thee who had received the power to bind and loose the downpouring of the rains, O wondrous Elijah, caused thee to flee.

Having stooped to the ground, thou didst raise on high the supremely exalted eye of thy mind, by thine eminent entreaty causing the rains to be loosed; and with showers thou didst water the furrows of the earth.

Theotokion

The bush on Sinai, which touched the Fire without being consumed, prefigured thee, the Ever-virgin Mother, O all-hymned Theotokos Mary.

Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us!

A hymn of supplication do thou offer unto God, O most honoured prophet, in behalf of all that have recourse to thy divine temple, that we may honour thee as a great helper.

The mind of man doth not suffice to praise thy life as is meet, O prophet; for, beholding the transfiguration of Christ, thou wast exalted far above the noetic ranks.

Glory... He that is Lord and Creator of all hath appeared to us in accordance with thy prophecy, O blessed Elijah, calling all men to the knowledge of Him, for He loveth mankind.

Both... O Mary, pure vessel of virginity, cleanse thou my mind of the gloom of the passions, and fill my heart with righteousness, O all--immaculate one.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

**As** we **celebrate**/ this sacred and solemn feast of the **Mother** of God,/ **let** us come, **clapping** our hands,/ O people **of** the Lord,/ and give **glory** to God// Who was **born** of her.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion, Tone 7

The dominion of death/ can no longer hold men captive/ for Christ descended shattering and destroying its powers!/ Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry:/ The Saviour has come to those in faith,// Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection.

R. Ikos

Below, the uttermost depths, hades and death trembled today before One of the Trinity; the earth quaked, and the gatekeepers of hades, beholding Thee, were horrified. And all creation, rejoicing with the prophets, singeth a hymn of victory to Thee, our Deliverer and God, Who hast now destroyed the power of death. Let us exult and cry out unto Adam and his descendents, in that the tree of the Cross hath restored him to paradise: Come forth, ye faithful, unto the resurrection.

### Canticle Seven

Irmos: Of old, the children showed the fiery furnace to pour forth dew,/ hymning the one God and saying:/ Supremely exalted and all-glorious// is the God of our fathers!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Through a tree death came to Adam, who of his own will committed disobedience; but through the obedience of Christ is he restored. For my sake is the all-glorious Son of God crucified.

All creation hath hymned Thee, O Christ, Who rose from the tomb; for Thou didst cause life to blossom forth for those in hades, and resurrection for the dead, and light for those in darkness, O All-glorious One.

### Theotokion

Rejoice, daughter of corrupt Adam! Rejoice, only Bride of God! Rejoice, O thou who gavest birth to God, and through whom corruption was driven off! Him do thou beseech, O pure one, that we all be saved.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Thy Lord and Creator, O Virgin, loved thee, who art possessed of raiment embroidered with gold, wrought of many colors. Supremely exalted and all-glorious is the God of our fathers!

Receiving the burning coal of old, Isaiah was purified, O Maiden; and in signs he beheld thy giving birth to the supremely exalted and all-glorious God of our fathers.

Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us!

Most gloriously vested with divine and formidable power, thou didst undertake a long journey, having eaten of food which sufficed thee for forty days, O wondrous Elijah. Wherefore, thou didst say on Horeb: Blessed is the God of our fathers!

The mild and gentle breeze revealed the Lord to thee, O Elijah, who wast zealous for God Almighty: not the wind of the tempest, nor the earthquake, nor yet the fearsome fire. Wherefore, to meek Jesus didst thou chant: Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers!

Like the great Moses, thou wast vouchsafed the vision of God and prophecy, O wondrous Elijah, anointing prophets and kings with the Spirit. And having borne witness to the glory of Christ on Tabor, thou didst chant: Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers!

#### Theotokion

In times past thou didst, supernaturally and without seed, give birth in the flesh to the unoriginate and pre-eternal Lord, the Son, Power and Wisdom of the Father, O all-pure one, unto the restoration of mortals. Wherefore, we cry out to Him Who was born of thee: Blessed is the God of our fathers!

Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us!

The people of Israel who came against thee with a captain of fifty thou didst utterly consume with fire from heaven as unworthy, O divine Elijah.

Thou wast a most divine prophet who wast rightly illumined with the vision of God, O most honoured Elijah; and thou didst straightway put an end to the sacrifices offered to Baal.

Glory... Truly, as was meet, the poison of death was poured forth through the judgment of God and the hand of the prophet upon the shameful priests who ate unrighteously at the table of Jezebel.

Both... O Mother of God, save me who am held fast by the abyss of offenses, and rescue me from all the malice of the foe, that, saved by thee, I may magnify thine aid.

#### C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

The **H**oly Children bravely trampled upon the **th**reatening fire,/ preferring not to worship created things rather than the **C**reator,/ and they

**sang** in joy:/ 'Blessed art Thou and **praised** above all,// O Lord God of our fathers.'

### Canticle Eight

Irmos: The bush on Sinai, which partook of fire without being consumed,/ revealed God unto Moses,/ who was slow of speech and spake with difficulty;/ and the zeal of God showed forth the three children in the fire as invincible, who chanted:/ Hymn the Lord, all ye works of the Lord,// and exalt Him supremely forever!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Slaughtered for the world, the all-pure Lamb brought an end to the sacrifices offered in accordance with the law, in that He is God, purifying it of transgressions, that it may ever cry: Hymn the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Our flesh, which was assumed by the Creator, was not incorrupt before His suffering; but after His suffering and resurrection it was rendered untouchable by corruption, and restoreth mortals, who cry: Hymn the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

### Theotokion

Thy pure and most unblemished state hath purified the vile and abominable state of the whole world, O Virgin; and thou becamest the cause of our reconciliation with God. Wherefore, O all-pure Virgin, all of us, His works, bless and exalt thee supremely for all ages.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

With the light of thy birthgiving thou didst strangely enlighten the whole world, O Theotokos; for in thine arms thou dost bear Him Who is truly God, Who enlighteneth the faithful, who ever cry: O ye works of the Lord, hymn the Lord and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

O pure one, we piously hymn thy womb, which ineffably contained the incarnate God, Who hath given the enlightenment of the knowledge of God unto all the faithful, who ever cry: O ye works of the Lord, hymn the Lord and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us!

Well did Ahab find the just destruction of his house, through the prophet's condemnation, to be the dread retribution for his vile commission of murder. And with fiery mind the Tishbite chanted a hymn unto the Bestower of life: All ye works of the Lord, hymn and supremely exalt Him for all ages!

Fire rained down from heaven for thee, O Elijah, twice consuming captains of fifty, in that thou art God's chosen minister; for to Him Who controlleth everlasting life thou didst in godly manner declaim the hymn: All ye works of the Lord, hymn and supremely exalt Him for all ages!

On Tabor Christ showed thee to be an initiate of the mystery of His divine incarnation, in that thou wast an instiller of purity and a most divine scion of virginity, showing the unapproachable light of the Godhead in His Body to thee who criest out: All ye works of the Lord, hymn and supremely exalt Him for all ages!

Theotokion

Most rich was the womb of the Mother of God; for, having received the Word in the coarseness of the flesh and wrought therefrom a form earthly according to hypostasis, it was shown to be the city of God wherein the Most High was well-pleased to dwell. To Him do we chant: All ye works of the Lord, hymn and supremely exalt Him for all ages!

Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us!

He that, as God, knoweth all things, entrusteth to thee, O Elijah, in that thou art faithful, the knowledge of things to come and of things that shall come to pass; and He showeth thee things which are afar off as though they were near.

Having strengthened thy mind with pious boldness, O blessed prophet, thou dost foretell those things that are far off as though they were near, O most honoured prophet.

Let us bless Father, Son, Holy Spirit, the Lord!

Having cleansed thy mind of all defilement, O divine prophet, thou didst therefore become completely holy, guiding all to the Light of God.

Both... The Word, to Whom thou didst ineffably give birth, do thou entreat in behalf of those who faithfully honour thee, O pure Theotokos.

We praise, we bless, we worship the Lord, praising and supremely exalting Him unto all ages.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

The **Offspring** of the Theotokos/ saved the holy Children in the **furnace**./ **He** Who was then prefigured has since been **born** on earth,/ and He gathers together all the creation to sing:/ O all ye **works** of the Lord,// bless ye the Lord and exalt Him above all **forever**.

P. Magnificat

C. Song of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Canticle Nine

Irmos: O Mother who knewest not man,/ who gavest birth without experiencing corruption,/ and lent flesh to the Word Who hath fashioned all things,/ O Virgin Theotokos, thou receptacle of Him Whom nought can resist/ and dwelling-place of the Infinite:// thee do we magnify.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

O all ye of alien mind, who assume that the Divinity suffered, stop your mouths; for we magnify the Lord of glory crucified in the flesh, but not crucified in His divine essence, for His is One in two natures.

O ye who believe not in the resurrection of the body, come ye to the tomb of Christ and learn; for the flesh of the Bestower of life was dead and rose again, to assure us of the final resurrection, wherein we hope.

#### Triadicon

Worshipping a Trinity of Hypostases, not of Godheads, a Oneness of divinity, not of Persons, we cut off those who divide It; moreover, we confound those who dare to confuse that which we magnify.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Thou hast been the Mediatress of everlasting joy and gladness for us, O Ever-virgin Maiden, having given birth to the Deliverer Who delivereth those who worship Him as God in truth and by the divine Spirit.

David, thine ancestor, O all-pure one, hymning thee, calleth thee the ark of divine holiness, which supernaturally contained God Who sitteth in the bosom of the Father. O ye faithful, let us magnify Him without ceasing.

Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us!

Having lived on earth the course which man cannot change, and crossed the Jordan's stream by means of his mantle, the Tishbite, that air-borne charioteer, made a strange and heaven-traversing journey in the Spirit.

The Tishbite, aflame with the zeal of piety, was taken up on a fiery chariot; and he let drop his mantle; and Elisha, clad therein, received divine grace which he could not conceal.

The Tishbite and Moses the God-seer beheld in revelation on Tabor what eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, and what hath not entered into the hearts of earth-born men: the Lord Almighty, incarnate.

#### Theotokion

O Theotokos, we magnify thee, who removed the severe condemnation which was of old the correction of our first mother, and who art ever the reconciliation of our race to God, a bridge to the Creator.

Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us!

Thou hast been deified by the immaterial splendor of the life-creating Trinity, O prophet Elijah; wherefore, we all set thee forth as an intercessor to God for the world, O blessed one.

Thou wast known as an angel on earth, O divine prophet, and in heaven as a man of God; for the Lord Himself said: "Because thou art a stern man, O Elijah, thou canst not endure iniquitous Israel. Come thou up to Me, that I may come down!"

Glory... Thou didst live on earth as one of the bodiless ones, O divine prophet, and now, upborne to heaven, thou joinest chorus with the angelic choirs. From on high watch over us that hymn thee, O blessed one.

Both... Thou doth hold in thine arms God Who upholdeth all things, and thou dost feed the Nourisher Who became like unto us, O pure one. Him do thou beseech, that He grant to thy people deliverance from all oppressors.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

**Let** every mortal **born** on earth,/ radiant with light, in spirit **leap** for joy;/ and **let** the hosts of the angelic powers **celebrate**/ and honour the holy feast of the **Mother** of God,/ and **let** them cry:// Hail! Pure and blessed ever-Virgin, who gavest **birth** to God.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Holy is the Lord our God...

C. Exapostilarion Eight (John 20:11-18)

Seeing two angels inside the tomb, Mary was struck with wonder and not knowing Christ, she asked Him supposing Him to be the gardener: "Where O Lord, hast thou laid the body of my Jesus?" And recognizing by His call that He was the Savior Himself, she heard: "Touch me not; tell the brethren I go to my Father."

Glory... Exapostilarion for the Prophet

The Light Who showed thee to be a charioteer traversing the sky on a fiery chariot drawn by four steeds, O Elijah, did not consume thee utterly; for with thy fiery tongue thou didst draw fire down and didst dry it up with showers.

Both... Theotokion

O Maiden, thou hast borne past speech One of the Trinity, two by nature, two in operation, one in person. Entreat Him then for us who venerate thee with faith to be ever delivered from all enemy intent, for we all now take refuge in thee, O Lady Theotokos.

C. Lauds: Tone 7 Stichera

**Le-et** every breath **praise** the Lord/  
**Praise** the Lord from the **Heavens**/  
 Pra-**aise** Him in the **highest**/  
 To **Thee** is due a **hymn**, O God/  
**Praise** Him, all ye His **Angels**://  
 Pra-**aise** Him, all **ye** His hosts.//  
 To Thee is due a **hymn**, O God.

R. (The following may be read or sung antiphonally)

Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars and light.

Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord; For He spake, and they came to be; He commanded, and they were created.

He established them forever, yea, forever and ever; He hath set an ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all ye abysses,  
 Fire, hail, snow, ice, blast of tempest, which perform His word,  
 The mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees, and all cedars,  
 The beasts and all the cattle, creeping things and winged birds,  
 Kings of the earth, and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth,  
 Young men and virgins, elders with the younger; let them praise the name of  
 the Lord, for exalted is the name of Him alone.

His praise is above the earth and heaven, and He shall exalt the horn of  
 His people.

This is the hymn for all His saints, for the sons of Israel, and for the  
 people that draw nigh unto Him.

Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.

Let Israel be glad in Him that made him, let the sons of Sion rejoice in  
 their king.

Let them praise His name in the dance; with the timbrel and the psaltery  
 let them chant unto Him.

For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people, and He shall exalt the meek  
 with salvation.

The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds.

The high praise of God shall be in their throat, and two-edged swords shall  
 be in their hands.

To do vengeance among the heathen, punishments among the peoples,

To bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manacles of iron,

V. To do among them the judgment that is written/ This glory shall be  
 to all His saints.

1. **Christ** is risen **from** the dead,/ bursting **asunder** the **chains** of death:/  
 Proclaim, O ye earth, tidings of **great** joy:// Sing, O ye heaven, of  
 the **glory** of God.

V. Praise ye God in His saints,/ praise Him in the firmament of His  
 power.

2. Having **beheld** the Resurrection of Christ,/ let us **worship** the Holy Lord  
**Jesus**,// Who alone is **without** sin.

V. Praise Him for His mighty acts,/ praise Him according to the  
 multitude of His greatness.

3. **Let** us never cease to hail the Resurrection of Christ/ Who has **saved** us  
 from our transgressions./ **Holy** is the Lord **Jesus**// Who showed forth  
 the Resurrection.

V. Praise Him with the sound of trumpet,/ praise Him with psaltery  
 and harp.

4. **Wha**-at shall we **give** Thee, O Lord,/ for **all** that Thou hast **given** us?/  
**For** our sakes Thou, O God, hast lived **among** men;/ on **account** of our  
 corrupt nature the Word became flesh and **dwelt** in us./ He **became** the  
 Benefactor of the **thankless**,/ the **Liberator** of those in captivity;/ **He**  
 is the Sun of Righteousness for those sitting in **darkness**;/ **He** Who is  
 impassible, **endured** the Cross;/ **He** is the light in hell; He is **Life** in

death;/ **He** is the Resurrection of the fallen, and we **cry** unto Him://  
Glory unto **Thee**, our God.

V. Praise Him with timbrel and dance,/ praise Him with strings and  
flute.

Stichera for the Prophet (Tone 8)

5. O wondrous prophet, when thou didst unite thyself to God by thy pure  
life of **virtue**,/ and hadst received **dominion** thereby,/ thou didst  
traverse creation in mind,/ didst by thy will shut up the **portals** of  
the rain,/ didst call down fire from on high, and didst destroy the  
**enemy**:// Pray that our **souls** be saved.

V. Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of  
jubilation./ Let every breath praise the Lord.

6. **Aflame** with zeal for the Lord, thou didst openly denounce the  
iniquitous king,/ and didst zealously put to death the **shameless**  
priests,/ kindling fire amid the water, O **blessed** one./ And thou wast  
a source of food not produced by **cultivation**,/ and with thy mantle  
didst part the waters of the **Jordan**:// Pray that our **souls** be saved.

V. Moses and Aaron are among His priests, and Samuel among those who  
call upon His name.

(Tone 1)

7. The **zealous** **Elijah**,/ ruler over the passions, hath today been taken up  
**in** the air,/ the initiate of the mysteries and the inaugurator of  
universal **salvation**./ O precious glory, which the heaven-traversing  
prophet hath been **vouchsafed**!/ O eminent adornment of the **prophets**!  
For, lo! by his reproofs he showed himself to be an angel in the flesh  
and an **incorporeal** man.// Praising him, let us say: Help us, O wise  
one, on the day of **Judgment**!

V. Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.

(Tone 8)

8. O ye faithful, let us honor in song the chiefs among the **prophets**,/ the  
most radiant beacons of the whole world: Elijah and **Elisha**./ And let  
us joyously cry **out** to Christ:/ O compassionate Lord, through the  
supplications of Thy **prophets**,// grant Thy people remission of sins and  
great **mercy**.

Glory... Gospel Sticheron (Tone 8)

The **tears** of Mary are not warmly **shed** in vain./ For behold, she was  
held worthy of the angels' **teaching**/ and vouchsafed the sight of Thee,  
**Thyself**, O Christ./ But again her thoughts were earthly thoughts as those  
of a weak **woman**./ Therefore she was dismissed and told not to **touch** Thee, O  
Christ./ But she was also sent as herald to the **disciples**,/ and she  
affirmed to them the good tidings proclaiming the Ascension to the portion  
of the **Father**:// With her do Thou also make us worthy of Thy manifestation,  
O **Master** and Lord.

Both now and ever... (Tone 2)

Most Blessed art Thou, O Virgin Theotokos,/ for through Him Who became incarnate of thee is hades led **capt**ive,/ **Adam** recalled, the curse annulled, Eve set free, **death** slain,/ and we are given life. Wherefore, we cry **aloud** in praise:/ Blessed art Thou, O **Christ** God, // Who hast been thus well-pleased, **glory** to Thee.

P. The Great Doxology

R. Dismissal Tropar:

Today is salvation come unto the world; let us sing to Him Who arose from the tomb, and is the Author of our life. For having destroyed death by death, He hath given us the victory and great mercy.

P. Litanies

Dismissal

R. Hours

Tropar: Resurrection & Prophet

Kontak: Prophet/Resurrection alternating

At Liturgy:

Order of Troparia & Kontakia:

Tropar Sunday

Tropar Prophet Elijah

Kontak Sunday

Glory... Kontak Prophet Elijah

Both... Protection of Christians ...

Prokimenon for Tone 7

The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

V. Bring unto the Lord, ye sons of God, bring unto the Lord the sons of rams.

Prokimenon for the Prophet Elijah (Tone 4)

Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek

Epistle(s): ICor 1:10-18 & James 5:10-20

Alleluia for Tone 7

V. It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name, O Most High.

V. To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy, and Thy truth by night.

Alleluia for the Prophet Elijah (Tone 4)

Gospel(s): Matt 14:14-22 & Luke 4:22b-30

Communion Hymn: Praise Ye & In everlasting remembrance...