

July 20

Commemoration of the Holy Prophet Elijah the Tishbite (3rd Class, 5th Tone, 6th Eothonin)

ORTHROS

PSALM 117 (Tone 5)



The Lord is God and has ap-peared to us.



Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 5) [Twice]

Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, for He was pleased to be lifted in the flesh upon the Cross, and to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection!

v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

TROPARION OF ELIAS (Tone 4)

The glorious Elias, the Angel in body, the pillar of the prophets and second forerunner of Christ's advent, by sending grace from on high upon Elisha, dispels diseases, purifies lepers and overflows with healings for those who honor him.

- now and always and to the ages of ages. Amen.

RESURRECTIONAL THEOTOKION (Tone 4)

The mystery which was hidden from eternity and unknown to the angels has been revealed through you, O Theotokos, to those on earth: for God took flesh in a union without commixture, and willingly took up the Cross by which He elevated the first man, and saved our souls from death.

Today the Polyeleos is sung instead of the Evlogitaria of the Resurrection.

MEGALYNARION (Tone 5)



More ho - nor - a - ble than the che - ru - bim and more



glo - ri - ous be - yond com - pare than the se - ra - phim;



who with - out stain bore God the Word,



you are tru - ly The - o - to - kos, we mag - ni - fy you.

EXAPOSTILARIA (Tone 3)

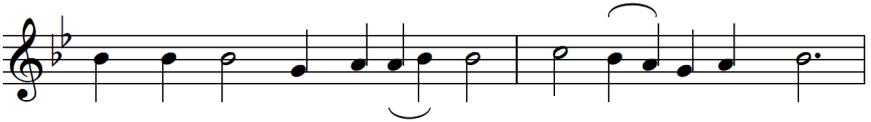
~The divine fire which made you a passenger in a fiery chariot going up to Heaven, O prophet Elijah, did not consume you at all. Your earthly words had the power to bring down fire from Heaven and to dry up the rains.

~O Virgin who gave birth to the divine Fire: by your prayers, entreat your Son to take pity on me and to save me from eternal darkness; for I trust in your divine protection, O Theotokos.

PRAISES (Tone 5)



Let ev' - ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord.



Praise the Lord from the hea-vens, praise Him in the heights:



to You be - longs praise, O God.



Praise Him, all you His an - gels,



praise Him, all you His pow - ers:



to You be-longs praise, O God.

Stichera of the Resurrection (Tone 5)

8. O Lord, despite the seals placed by the unbelievers, You came forth from the tomb, just as You came forth in birth from the Theotokos. Just as the angels were not able to explain Your mysterious Incarnation, so the soldiers could not behold the moment of Your holy Resurrection. For these two marvels have been sealed from the wise, but have been revealed to those who adore with faith

the Mystery which they celebrate in their hymns. Grant us Your joy and Your great mercy!

7. Lord, You have shattered the bolts of eternal damnation; You have broken the chains of the tomb. As You rose, You left behind Your linen shroud as a witness that You had truly been buried for three days. Leaving the guard keeping watch over the tomb, You went ahead of the Apostles into Galilee. Great is Your mercy, O Lord, which the whole universe cannot contain: O Savior, have mercy on us!
6. O Lord, the holy women hastened to the sepulcher to behold You, O Christ, who had suffered for our sake! And when they arrived, they found an angel seated on the stone before the tomb. And that angel said to them: "The Lord has risen! Go and tell the Apostles that He has risen from the dead, the Savior of our souls!"
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Stichera of Anatolios the Patriarch

4. O Lord, King of the ages and Creator of all things, who have deigned to suffer in Your flesh the Cross and burial to free us from Hades: You are our God and we have no other.

Stichera for Elijah (Tone 8)

3. United to God by virtue and the purity of your life, O wondrous prophet, you were given power over creation by Him: for by your will, you closed the floodgates of the rain, and you made fire come down from Heaven to

consume the impious. Intercede for the salvation of our souls.

2. Consumed by zeal for the Lord, you firmly reproved the sinful king and queen, slaughtered the priests of iniquity with fervor, and miraculously brought down fire in the midst of water. You provided nourishment without labor, and divided the streams of the Jordan by your mantle. Intercede for the salvation of our souls.
1. Living a truly heavenly life on earth, O wondrous prophet, you possessed within yourself the treasure of life itself. By your breath, you raised up a dead child, then won the victory over death as you rose up to Heaven as a passenger in the fiery chariot. Intercede for the salvation of our souls.
- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Doxastikon

O faithful, let us honor with hymns the chief prophets, the two stars shining over the world, Elijah and Elisha. With joy, let us cry aloud to Christ: O compassionate Lord, by the prayers of Your two wondrous prophets, grant Your people remission of sins and great mercy!

- now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion

Receive the prayers of your servants, O Lady: deliver us from all tribulation and sorrow.