

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

TONE 5

6th Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah

"Lord I Call..." Tone 5

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!
Hear me, O Lord!
Lord, I call upon You, hear me!
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!

Reader reads the rest of Psalm 140 & Psalm 141 on pgs 31 & 32 in the pew book, then STICHERA

v. (10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your Name! Tone 5*

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!*

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.*

We glorify the Leader of our salvation; / by His Resurrection from the dead, / the world was saved from deceit. / The assembly of Angels rejoices / as the deceit of demons is overthrown.// Fallen Adam rises as the devil falls.

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.*

The guards were instructed by the lawless ones: / "Hide the rising of Christ, take money and say: / 'The body was stolen from the tomb while we were asleep.'" / But who has heard of a body being stolen, / a body embalmed and naked, / with its grave clothes left behind in the tomb? / Do not be deceived, O Jews, / study the words of the Prophets and understand:// Christ is the Redeemer of the world and all powerful!

v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

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. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

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v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

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. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; Tone 6 (for Prophet Elijah, by Byzantius)

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!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Reading is from the 3rd Book of Reigns. [17,1-24]

The word of the Lord came to the Prophet Elias and he said to Achab, 'As the Lord the God of powers lives, the God of Israel, before whom I stand today, there shall be neither dew nor rain during these years, except by my mouth.' The word of the Lord came to Elias, saying, 'Go from here and towards the east, and hide yourself in the brook Chorrath, which is opposite the Jordan. You

shall drink from the brook, and I am commanding the ravens to feed you there.’ So he went and settled by the brook Chorrath, which is opposite the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread in the morning, and meat in the evening; and he drank water from the brook. And it came to pass after some days that the brook dried up, because there was no rain on the land. Then the word of the Lord came to Elias, saying, ‘Arise and go to Sarepta, which belongs to Sidon, and settle there; for see, I am commanding a widow there to feed you.’ And he arose and went to Sarepta, to the gate of the city. And a widow was there gathering sticks. And Elias he called after her and said, ‘Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.’ As she was going to bring it, he called after her and said, ‘Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.’ But the woman said, ‘As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in the jar, and a little oil in the jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my children, that we may eat it, and die.’ Elias said to her, ‘Take courage. Go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your children. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of flour will not fail and the jug of oil will not grow less until the day that the Lord sends rain on the whole land.’ The woman went and did as Elias said, and he and she and her children ate. And from that day the jar of flour did not fail, neither did the jug of oil grow less, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elias. After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. She then said to Elias, ‘Why do you trouble me, man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sins to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son?’ But he said to her, ‘Give me your son.’ He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Lord, ‘Alas, Lord my God, you have brought calamity upon the widow with whom I am staying, whose witness you are, by killing her son.’ Then he breathed upon the child three times, and called on the Lord and said, ‘Lord my God, let this child’s life come into him again.’ And so it happened and he cried out. And the Lord listened to the voice of Elias; the child’s soul came into him again, and he lived. Elias took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother. Then Elias said, ‘See, your son is alive.’ So the woman said to Elias, ‘Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is true.’

The Reading is from the 3rd Book of Reigns. [18,1.17-46 & 19,1-6]

The word of the Lord came to Elias the Thesbite in the third year, saying, ‘Go, and appear before Achab, and I will give rain on the face of the land. And it came to pass that when Achab saw Elias, he said to him, ‘Is it you, the one who is troubling Israel?’ He answered, ‘I am not troubling Israel; but you are, and your father’s house, by forsaking the Lord our God and following Baal. Now therefore have all Israel assemble to me at Mount Carmel, with the four hundred fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of the scared groves, who eat at Jezebel’s table.’ So Achab sent to all Israel, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel. Elias said to them, ‘How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.’ Then Elias said to the people, ‘I, even I only, am left a prophet of the Lord; but the prophets of the sacred grove are very many. Let two bulls be given to us; let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it; I will prepare the other bull, but put no fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god and I will call on the name of the Lord my God.

And the god who answers by fire shall be God.' All the people answered, 'The word you have spoken today is good.' Then Elias said to the prophets of shame, 'Choose for yourselves one calf and prepare it first; then call on the name of your god, but put no fire to it.' So they took the calf, prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, crying, 'O Baal, hear us!' But there was no voice, and no answer. They ran upon the altar that they had made. At noon Elias the Thesbite mocked them, saying, 'Cry aloud! For your god likes garrulousness.' And when the time of the offering of the oblation came, there was nothing. Then Elias the Thesbite said to the prophets of abominations, 'Stand aside now, and I will offer my holocaust'. And Elias said to the people, 'Come close'. And all the people came closer to him. Elias took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of Israel, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, 'Israel shall be your name'. With the stones he built and repaired the altar of the Lord that had been cast down. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed. Next he put the pieces of wood on the altar he had made, cut the holocaust in pieces, and laid them on the pieces of wood and piled them on the altar. He said, 'Bring me two jars of water and pour it on the holocaust and on the pieces of wood.' Then he said, 'Do it a second time'; and they did it a second time. Again he said, 'Do it a third time'; and they did it a third time, so that the water ran all around the altar, and filled the trench also with water. And the prophet Elias cried aloud to heaven and said, 'Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, hear me today by fire. And let this people know that you alone the Lord. the God of Israel, that I am your servant, and that through you I have done all these things, and that you have turned back the heart of this people to you.' Then fire from the Lord fell from heaven and consumed the holocaust and the pieces of wood; and the fire licked up the water that was in the trench, the stones, and the dust. And the people fell on their faces and said, 'The Lord indeed is God; he is God.' Elias said to them, 'Seize the prophets of Baal; do not let one of them escape.' Then they seized them; and Elias brought them down to the brook Kishon, and killed them there. And after this Elias said to Achab, 'There is a sound of rushing rain. Harness your chariot and go down, lest the rain catch you.' Then Elias went up to the top of Carmel; there he bowed himself down upon the earth and put his face between his knees and prayed to the Lord. And the heavens grew black with clouds and wind; there was a heavy rain. Achab went to Jezreel. Achab told Jezebel his wife all that Elias had done. Then Jezebel sent to Elias, saying, 'Tomorrow I will sacrifice your life like one of them.' And Elias heard and was afraid; he arose and fled for his life, and came to Beersheba, in the land of Juda; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly someone touched him and said to him, 'Arise and eat and drink, for you have a long journey.' Elias looked, and there at his head was a cake of flour and a jar of water. He arose, ate and drank, and slept again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Arise and eat and drink, for you have a long journey.' He arose, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to mount Horeb. There he entered a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elias?' Elias answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the Almighty; for the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return to your way and you will come to the desert way of Damascus; and you shall anoint Elissaïos son of Shaphat as prophet in your place.

The Reading is from the 3rd Book of Reigns. [19,19-21 & 4 Reigns 2,1.6-14][1]

A day came and Elias found Elissaios son of Saphat, who was ploughing. Elias passed by him and threw his mantle over him. Elissaios left the oxen, ran after Elias, and ministered to him. And it came to pass, when the Lord took Elias in a whirlwind as though up to heaven, that Elias went with Elissaios to Galgala. Then Elias said to Elissaios, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets came, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elias took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water with it; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elias said to Elissaios, 'Ask me what I may do for you, before I am taken up from you.' Elissaios said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken up from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' It came to pass that as they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elias was taken up in a whirlwind as if into heaven. Elissaios kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, Elissaios grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elias that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. Elissaios took the mantle of Elias that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where then is the God of Elias, Appho?' [2] And so he struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elissaios went over on dry ground.

APOSTICHA

Tone 5 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!

TROPARIA

Tone 5 Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
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 Elias sent grace from on high to Elisseos,
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 hidden from 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.