"Lord I Call..." - Tone 5

Reader: In the Fifth Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Lord, I call upon You, <u>hear</u> me! <u>Hear</u> me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon You, <u>hear</u> me! Re<u>ceive</u> the <u>voice</u> of my prayer, when I <u>call</u> upon You!// <u>Hear me</u>, O Lord! Let my prayer arise in Your sight as <u>in</u>cense, and <u>let</u> the lifting <u>up</u> of my hands be an <u>evening sac</u>rifice!// <u>Hear me</u>, O Lord!



Reader: (Reads text from service book) v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name! **Tone 5** (for the Resurrection)

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By Your precious <u>Cross</u>, O Christ, You have put the <u>dev</u>il to shame. By Your Resur<u>rec</u>tion, You have blunted the <u>sting</u> of sin and <u>saved</u> us from the <u>gates</u> of death.// We glorify You, O <u>only</u> be<u>got</u>ten One.



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

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Christ was led as a sheep to the slaughter in order to grant Resurrection to the human race. The princes of Hades 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 <u>darkness</u>: "Come to the light!" Christ was led as the slaugh a sheep to in ter order to grant resurrection race! to the hu man The prin ces of Hades were fright ened this. by



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

Oh, great wonder!

The Creator of the invisible suffered in the flesh in His love for man

and rose again immortal.

<u>Come</u>, O sons of <u>na</u>tions,

let us worship Him,

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 <u>offer</u> You our evening <u>wor</u>ship,

O never <u>set</u>ting Light,

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

Who even descended to Hades to dispel its darkness.

And Who have revealed the light of Resurrection to the nations.//

Glory to You, O Lord and Giver of light!



v. (6) In the First Tone, 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 <u>All</u>-compassionate Word, You translated Elijah the Tishbite from the earth in a fiery <u>char</u>iot. Through his <u>prayers</u>, save us who glorify <u>You</u> 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, <u>bless</u>ed of God, you beheld the presence of God that en<u>light</u>ened you, not in an <u>earth</u>quake, but in a <u>still</u>, small voice, and you ascended to heaven in a <u>won</u>drous <u>man</u>ner, <u>sitting upon a chariot drawn by four hors</u>es,// you who are in<u>spired</u> by God.



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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) In the Second Tone, 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 <u>universe</u>:

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 <u>pu</u>rified the polluted water and parted the streams of <u>Jor</u>dan.//

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,

Prophet Elijah, burning with zeal for God,

you made the rain cease from heaven;

you were fed by a <u>rav</u>en.

You convicted kings and caused the pagan priests to die,

calling down fire from heaven.

Twice you caused the death of <u>fifty</u> men.

The widow's jar of flour did not give out because of you, nor did her flask of oil fail.

Through your <u>prayers</u> her son was <u>raised</u> from the dead.

You made fire burn the water,

and caused the streams of the Jordan to be turned back.

You as<u>cend</u>ed into heaven in a fiery <u>char</u>iot.

Elisha received a double portion of your grace.//

Do not cease to intercede for us before God, to save our souls!







In the Sixth Tone, 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 has 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!"





In the Fifth Tone, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Tone 5** (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

<u>In</u> the Red <u>Sea</u> of old, a type of the Virgin Bride was pre<u>fig</u>ured. There <u>Moses</u> divided the <u>wa</u>ters; here <u>Ga</u>briel assisted in the <u>mir</u>acle.





Prokeimenon of the Day, three readings

Deacon/Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Third Book of Kingdoms. (*III Kings 17:1-24*) *Deacon/Priest:* Let us attend!

Reader: The word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, and he said to Ahab, "As the Lord God of Israel lives, before Whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word." Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said. "Please bring me a little water in a cup so that I may drink." And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." So she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth." So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah. Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him. So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?" And Elijah said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. Then he cried out to the Lord and said. "O Lord my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?" And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him." Then the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived. And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!" Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is the truth."

Deacon/Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Third Book of Kingdoms. *(III Kings 18:1, 17-40, 44, 42. 45-46; 19:1-16)*

Deacon/Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: The word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite in the third year, saying, "Go, present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the earth." Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah that Ahab said to him, "Is that you, O perverter of Israel?" And he answered, "I have not perverted Israel, but you and your father's house have, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and have followed the Baals. Now therefore, send and gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the 450 prophets of Baal, and the 400 prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table." So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel. And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word. Then Elijah said to the people, "I alone am left a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets are 450 men. Therefore let them give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire under it; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire under it. Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the Name of the Lord; and the God Who answers by fire, He is God." So all the people answered and said, "It is well spoken." Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare it first, for you are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it." So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, "O Baal, hear us!" But there was no voice; no one

answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made. And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, "Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened." So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them. And when midday was past, they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. But there was no voice: no one answered, no one paid attention. Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So, all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, "Israel shall be your name." Then with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two measures of seed. And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, "Fill four water pots with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood." Then he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time; and he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time. So the water ran all around the altar; and he also filled the trench with water. And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Thy servant, and that I have done all these things at Thy word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back again unto You." Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!" And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!" So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them there. Then Elijah said to Ahab, "There is a sound of the coming of rain; prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you." And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees and prayed unto the Lord. The sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel.

And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "Tomorrow, I will make your life as the life of one of them." And when he heard that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!" Then as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat." Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. And the angel of the Lord came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you." So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God. And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" So he said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces 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 a still small voice. So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" And he said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." Then the Lord said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place."

Deacon/Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Third Book of Kingdoms. (III Kings 19:19-21; IV Kings 2:1, 6-14) *Deacon/Priest:* Let us attend!

Reader: In those days, Elijah found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him.

And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen's equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant. And it came to pass, when the Lord was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So, the two of them went on. And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground. And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." So he said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into Heaven. And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces. He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan. Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over on dry ground.

Then, the Augmented Litany (p. 18)

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 Hades,// and arose on the third day, saving our souls. We mag nify You in of praise, O incarnate Christ and Sa - viour! songs 6 sake, the Cross and death ing Bv ac cept for our You overthrew the gates of as the Lord and Lov of Man, Ha des, ėr Ω $\overline{\mathbf{\Theta}}$ day, and arose on the third our souls! ing sav 2

v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

By being <u>pierced</u> in the side, O <u>Lov</u>er of man, You have poured out drops of life and sal<u>va</u>tion for all. By ac<u>cept</u>ing death in the flesh, You have granted us immor<u>tal</u>ity. <u>You</u> have freed us by being <u>placed</u> in the tomb, and have resurrected us with Yourself in <u>glory</u>, as God.// Glory to You, O <u>Lord</u> and <u>Lov</u>er of man!





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

Your crucifixion and descent into Hades 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!





For our <u>sake</u>, You accepted <u>death</u> in the flesh, to rise from the dead on the <u>third</u> day. <u>Heal</u> us from our earthly <u>passions</u>, and re<u>store</u> us from our evil trans<u>gres</u>sions;// and <u>save</u> us, O <u>Lov</u>er 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 <u>cleansing</u> of our souls!



now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6

(Theotokion)

(Theotokion – Tone 6)

My Maker and Redeemer, <u>Christ</u> the Lord, was born of you, O most pure <u>Virg</u>in. By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his <u>an</u>cient curse. Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God! Rejoice, O ce<u>les</u>tial Joy! Rejoice, O <u>La</u>dy:// the Protection, Intercession and Sal<u>va</u>tion of our souls!



(at Great Vespers) Tone 5

Troparion



(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 5) Let <u>us</u>, the faithful, praise and <u>wor</u>ship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the <u>Spir</u>it, <u>born</u> for our salvation from the <u>Virgin</u>; for <u>He</u> willed to be lifted up on the <u>Cross</u> in the flesh, to endure death, and to <u>raise</u> the dead// by His <u>glo</u>rious Resur<u>rec</u>tion.

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

Tone 4

Troparion

(*Troparion for the Prophet – Tone 4*) An angel in the flesh and the cornerstone of the <u>Proph</u>ets, the second forerunner of the <u>com</u>ing of Christ,

glorious Elijah sent grace from on high to $\mathsf{E}\underline{\mathsf{li}}\mathsf{sha},$

to dispel diseases and to cleanse <u>lep</u>ers.// Therefore he pours forth healings on those who <u>hon</u>or him.



now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 4 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

(Resurrection Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 4) The mystery of all eternity, unknown even by <u>Ang</u>els, through you, Theotokos, is revealed to <u>those</u> on earth: God incarnate by union without con<u>fu</u>sion. He voluntarily accepted the <u>Cross</u> for us, by which He resurrected the first-cre<u>a</u>ted man,// saving our <u>souls</u> from death.



(at the Divine Liturgy) Tone 5

Troparion



(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 5) Let <u>us</u>, the faithful, praise and <u>wor</u>ship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the <u>Spir</u>it, <u>born</u> for our salvation from the <u>Virgin</u>; for <u>He</u> willed to be lifted up on the <u>Cross</u> in the flesh, to en<u>dure</u> death, and to <u>raise</u> the dead// by His <u>glo</u>rious Resur<u>rec</u>tion.



Tone 4

Troparion

(Prophet Elijah)

(Troparion for the Prophet – Tone 4) An angel in the flesh and the cornerstone of the <u>Proph</u>ets, the second forerunner of the <u>com</u>ing of Christ, glorious Elijah sent grace from on high to Elisha, to dispel diseases and to cleanse <u>lep</u>ers.// Therefore he pours forth healings on those who honor him.



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

Tone 2 Kontakion

(Prophet Elijah)

(Kontakion for the Prophet – Tone 2) <u>Prophet Elijah of great</u> renown, seer of the mighty <u>works</u> of God, by your com<u>mand</u> you held <u>back</u> the rain.// Pray for us to the <u>only Lov</u>er of man!





Tone 5 Pro

Prokeimenon

(Resurrection)

Prokeimenon, Tone 5

Deacon: Let us attend! Priest: † Peace to all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 5th Tone: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

People: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.



Reader: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

People: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.



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Reader: In the Fourth Tone, You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. *People:* You are a priest forever / after the order of Melchizedek.





Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle – (110) Romans 12:6-14 and (57) James 5:10-20 (Prophet Elijah)

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, we have different gifts according to the grace given to us: if it is prophecy, let us prophesy according to the measure of our faith. If it is service, let us dedicate ourselves to service! He who teaches should do his teaching; or he who exhorts his exhorting. As for the one who gives, let the giving be done with generosity. He who rules should rule with diligence and the one who shows mercy should do so with joy.

Let your love be without hypocrisy. Reject with horror what is evil. Cling to what is good. In love for the brethren, be tenderly affectionate with one another; place the honor of others above your own. Do not fall back in zeal; be fervent in the spirit, serving the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in troubles, persevere in prayer; contribute to the needs of the saints; look for opportunities to be hospitable. Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse!

Brothers and sisters, consider as an example of suffering and patience the prophets who spoke in the Name of the Lord. Behold, we call those who endure blessed. You have heard of the patience of Job and you have seen the Lord in the outcome, how the Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

But above all things, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or earth, or by any other oath. Instead, let your "yes" be "yes," and your "no," "no," so that you may not fall into hypocrisy.

Are any among you suffering? Let them pray. Are any cheerful? Let them sing praises! Are any among you sick? Let them call for the presbyters of the Church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the Name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will heal those who are sick and the Lord will raise them up. If they have committed sins, they will be forgiven. Confess your offenses to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The insistent prayer of a righteous person is powerfully effective!

Elijah was a man in every way like us, and when he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months! When he prayed later on, the sky gave rain and the earth brought forth its fruit.

Priest: † Peace to you who read!

Alleluia: Tone 5

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 5th Tone: Alleluia! I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: For You have said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the Fourth Tone, Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

People: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Priest: At that time, Jesus entered into a boat, crossed over the lake and came into his own town. Behold, some people brought him a man who was paralyzed, lying on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer! Your sins are forgiven!"

At this, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man blasphemes!"

Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins have been forgiven' or, 'Get up, and walk?' But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" (then he said to the paralytic), "Get up, take up your mat, and go to your house."

The man got up and departed to his house. But when the crowds saw this, they were astonished and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

At that time, the multitudes marveled at the gracious words which came out of Jesus' mouth; and they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

He said to them, "Without doubt, you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself! Do also right here in your hometown whatever we have heard that was done at Capernaum!" Jesus continued, "Amen, I tell you that no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But I tell you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came all over the land. Elijah was sent to none of them, except to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. There were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed, except Naaman, the Syrian."

As they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with anger.

They rose up, threw Jesus out of the city, and led him to the edge of the hill that their city was built on in order to push him off the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went his way.

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Sermon

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Communion Hymn



The above is repeated as necessary with the verses below, **or other hymns may be sung**, until the priest picks up the chalice and exits the Holy Doors.

- 1. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments!
- 2. His descendants shall be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3. Wealth and riches are in his house; and his righteousness endures forever.
- 4. Light rises in the darkness for the upright; the Lord is gracious, merciful, and righteous.
- 5. It is well with the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice. He will never be moved.
- 6. His heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. His heart is steady, he will not be afraid, until he sees his desire on his adversaries.
- 7. He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.
- 8. The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away; the desire of the wicked man comes to nought.

After the Priest re-enters the Holy Doors with the Chalice and sets the remaining Holy Things on the Holy Table, then, the Choir sings: Alliluia! Alliluia! Alliluia!

