

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES JULY 20**  
**PROPHET ELIAS (ELIJAH) THE THESBITE**  
RIGHTEOUS ILIYA CHAVCHAVADZE OF GEORGIA

*NOTE TO CLERGY: Remember to include this special petition in the Great Litany before the one for the head of state, as directed by the Antiochian Archdiocese.*

**Deacon: For Metropolitan Paul, Archbishop John, and for their quick release from captivity and safe return, let us pray to the Lord.**

**Choir: Lord, have mercy.**

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY WEEKDAYS

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

- *Now sing these apolytikia in the following order.*

APOLYTIKION OF PROPHET ELIAS IN TONE FOUR

(\*\**Be quick to anticipate*\*\*)

The incarnate Angel, and the Prophets' summit and boast, \* the second forerunner of the coming of Christ our God, Elias, the glorious, \* from above sent down his grace upon Elisseus; \* he doth cast out sickness and doth also cleanse lepers; \* and unto all that honor him, he poureth forth streams of cures.

- *Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple ONLY IF Prophet Elias is not the patron of your temple.*

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

*Thou art a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek. The Lord said unto my Lord:  
Sit Thou on my right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. James. (5:10-20)**

Brethren, take as an example of suffering and patience the prophets who spoke in the Name of the Lord. Behold, we call those blessed who were steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by Heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but let your yes be yes and your no be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over

him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. Elias was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heavens gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit. My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (4:22-30)**

At that time, the crowd spoke of Jesus, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth; and they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" And He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to Me this proverb, 'Physician, heal Thyself; what great things we have heard done at Capernaum, do here also in Thine own country.'" And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his own country. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elias, when Heaven was shut up three years and six months, when there came a great famine over all the land; and Elias was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisseus; and none of them was cleansed but only Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and put Jesus out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down headlong. But passing through the midst of them He went away.

- *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual. The only remaining variable is the Koinonikon.*

### KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR ST. ELIAS IN TONE EIGHT

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise befits the just. Alleluia.

### THE DISMISSAL

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, whose Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; *of Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community*; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of the holy and glorious Prophet Elias (Elijah) the Thesbite; and Righteous Iliya Chavchavadze of Georgia, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Priest: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

Pronunciation Guide  
Iliya: ee-LEE-yah  
Chavchavadze: chav-cha-VAD-ze

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