July 20th
Prophet Elias (Elijah) the Thesbite
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Tone 8 (Plagal 4th Mode-C)
Special Melody: What shall we now call you

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) When thou wast united unto our God through thy virtue
and unspotted life, O Prophet of renown, and hadst for this
cause received from Him authority and powr, then thou didst
change creation as seemed good to thee, and by thy will didst
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shut the gates of rain on high; and thou didst bring fire down
from above, wholly consuming the impious. Do thou
en treat Christ the Savior that our souls be saved.
2) All a-flame with zeal for the Lord Most High, thou most fiercely didst rebuke transgressing kings, O man of God; being moved with mighty fervor, thou didst slay the priests of shame; in water, thou didst kindle strange and wondrous fire; and thou didst well forth food that never had been tilled; thou with thy mantle didst cleave in twain the Jordan's waters, O blessed one. Do thou en-treat Christ the Savior that our souls be saved.
3) When, O sacred Prophet, thou verily hadst shown forth the life of Heaven on the earth and wast made rich in thyself with the enhyponastic everlasting Life, by breathing, thou didst resurrect the child that died; till now hast thou remained beyond the reach of death. Mounting a chariot all of fire, thou wast then lifted up in the sky. Do thou entreat Christ the Savior that our souls be saved.