

July 20

## SAINT ELIAS THE PROPHET

Double

AT I VESPERS

*Ants. of Lauds, omitting the fourth; with Pss. of I Vespers in the Common of Apostles (MD p. 7\*).*

Chapter as at Lauds.

*Hymn, Iste Confessor (m.t.v.), from the Common of Confessors (MD p. 42\*).*

℣. By the word of the Lord he shut up the heaven. ℞. And he brought down fire from heaven thrice.

**MAG. ANT.** Behold, I will † send you Elias the Prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers.

Collect as at Lauds, below.

*Commemoration of Saint Margaret of Antioch, V.M., Ant. Come, thou Bride, ℣. In thy grace (MD p. 4\*) and Collect, We beseech thee, O Lord (MD p. 49\*).*

AT MATINS

**INVIT.** The Lord, the King of Prophets, O come, let us worship.

*Hymn, Iste Confessor (m.t.v.), from the Common of Confessors (MBM p. 77\*).*

IN THE I NOCTURN

**ANT. 1.** And it came to pass † that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick, and the sickness was very grievous. *Pss. from the Common of Confessors (MBM, p. 20\*).*

**ANT. 2.** The woman said to Elias: †

What have I to do with thee, thou man of God? Art thou come to me that my iniquities should be remembered, and that thou shouldst kill my son?

**ANT. 3.** Elias said to the widow: † Give me thy son: and he cried to the Lord, and the child revived.

℣. By the word of the Lord he shut up the heaven. ℞. And he brought down fire from heaven thrice.

From a Treatise by Saint Isidore the Bishop (*On the Life and Death of Saints*)

SINGLE LESSON.

**E**LIAS the Thesbite, whose name is interpreted ‘The Lord God,’ was a great Priest and Prophet, a dweller in the wilderness, a man full of faith and of lofty devotion, strong under hardships, fruitful in resources, endowed with a powerful intellect, rigid in his austere virtue, unwearied in holy meditation, fearless in the face of death. He lashed tyrants, slew sacrilegious men, and shone with many signs and miracles. During a drought of three years he shut up the rain in the heavens. Again he prayed, and the heavens sent down their showers. He raised to life the woman’s son who was dead. By his power the pot of meal wasted not, and the cruse of oil ceased not to flow. At the word which he spake over the sacrifice, fire came down from Heaven. He destroyed, by a heavenly fire, the two captains, with their companies of fifty soldiers. When about to cross the Jordan, he divided the waters by the touch of his mantle of skin. Afterwards he was tak-

en up into Heaven in a fiery chariot, and, according to the Prophet Malachias, he shall come as the forerunner of Christ at the end of the world, to announce his last coming with many miracles and prodigies. Accordingly, Antichrist shall wage war with him, and with Henoah, who shall come with him, and shall slay them. Their bodies shall lie in the streets, unburied, for three days and six hours. At the end of that time they shall be raised up by the Lord, and they shall smite the kingdom of Antichrist with a dire blow. After this the Lord shall come, and he shall slay with the sword of his mouth Antichrist and them that adored him, and the Lord shall reign with all his Saints forever.

℟ It came to pass † when the Lord took Elias up, by a whirlwind into heaven, that \* Eliseus cried, saying: My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the driver thereof. ̶ And as they went on walking and talking together, behold a fiery chariot and fiery horses parted them both asunder; and Elias went up, by a whirlwind, into heaven. ELISEUS cried. GLORY be. ELISEUS cried.

#### IN THE II NOCTURN

ANT. 1. Elias said † to the prophets of Baal: Choose you one bullock, and call on the names of your gods: they called, and there was none that answered. *Pss. from the Common of Confessors (MBM, p. 22\*)*.

ANT. 2. When it was now time † to offer the holocaust, Elias, coming near, prayed to the Lord.

ANT. 3. While Elias prayed, † the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the holocaust, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

CHAPTER. *Ecclus. xxxix.*

THE righteous man will give his heart to resort early to the Lord that made him, \* and will pray before the Most High.

̶ Blessed are they that saw thee. ̶ And were honored with thy friendship.

#### AT LAUDS

ANT. 1. With zeal have I been zealous † for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant. *Ps. 93, Dominus regnavit and the rest (MD, p. 34)*.

ANT. 2. How long halt ye † between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him.

ANT. 3. If I be a man of God, † let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty.

ANT. 4. I have not † troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord.

ANT. 5. Thou hast slain; † moreover, thou hast taken possession: behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and I will cut down thy posterity.

CHAPTER. *Ecclus. xlviij.*

THEN stood up Elias the prophet as fire, and his word burned like a lamp. † He brought a sore famine upon them, \* and by his zeal he diminished their number.

Hymn, *Jesu, corona celsior*, from the Common of Confessors (MD p. 43\*).

℣ Elias was covered with the whirlwind. ℞ And his spirit was filled up in Eliseus.

**BEN. ANT.** Elias † was a man passable like unto us; and with prayer he prayed that it might not rain upon the earth, and it rained now for three years and six months. And he prayed again; and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

**COLLECT.**

**G**RANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we who believe that thou didst marvellously lift up thy Prophet Elijah in a fiery chariot, while yet in this life; at his intercession may we while still alive be raised to spiritual heights and rejoice in the resurrection of the just. Through.

Commemoration of Saint Margaret of Antioch, V.M., **Ant.** The kingdom of heaven, ℣ Full of grace (MD p. 4\*) and **Collect**, We beseech thee, O Lord (MD p. 49\*).

**AT PRIME**

**ANT.** With zeal.

**Short Lesson**, Thou raisedst up a dead man, as at None.

**AT TERCE**

**ANT.** How long halt ye.

**Chapter**, Then stood up Elias, as at Lauds.

℣ Thou anointest kings to penance. ℞ And makest prophets successors after thee.

**AT SEXT**

**ANT.** If I be a man of God.

**CHAPTER.** *Ecclus. xlviii.*

**B**Y the word of the Lord he shut up the heaven, † and he brought down fire from heaven thrice. \* Thus was Elias magnified in his wondrous works.

℣ Blessed are they that saw thee. ℞ And were honored with thy friendship.

**AT NONE**

**ANT.** Thou hast slain.

**CHAPTER.** *Ecclus. xlviii.*

**T**HOU raisedst up a dead man from below, † from the lot of death, by the word of the Lord God. \* Who was registered in the judgments of times to appease the wrath of the Lord.

℣ Elias was covered with the whirlwind. ℞ And his spirit was filled up in Eliseus.

**AT II VESPERS**

All as at I Vespers, above, except the following:

℣ Blessed are they that saw thee. ℞ And were honored with thy friendship.

**MAG. ANT.** Elias took his mantle † and struck the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, and he and Eliseus passed over on dry ground; and Elias went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Commemoration of Saint Praxedes, V., **Ant.** Come, thou Bride, ℣ In thy grace (MD p. 4\*) and **Collect**, Hear us (MD p. 49\*).