

march of triumph. One after another, like fragrant roses, they were beheaded. Last of all, like the mother of the Macchabees, Teresa offered her head to the guillotine. The fame of this martyrdom spread far and wide within a short time and miracles soon enhanced its glory. These sixteen illustrious martyrs were added to the list of the blessed by the Supreme Pontiff Pius X.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

V. After her shall Virgins be led to the King.

R. Her neighbors shall be brought to you.

Ant. (Ben.) Wise Virgins, \* trim your lamps. See, the Bridegroom comes! Go out to meet him!

Collect

O God, You called Blessed Teresa and her companions from the summit of Carmel to the crown of martyrdom in recompense for their unconquered constancy in your love. Grant that we in loving you faithfully, may be brought to contemplation of the beauty of your majesty. This we ask of you through our Lord.

*A commemoration is made of St. Alexius, Confessor:*

Ant. Well done, \* good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many. Enter into the joy of your Lord.

V. The Lord led the just man in right paths.

R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Collect

Every year, Lord, you give us the joy of celebrating the feast of St. Alexius, Confessor of our faith; grant us the grace to imitate his actions. This we ask of you through our Lord.

Vespers

*Versicle and Antiphon as above at Lauds.*

July 20

St. Elias

Prophet, Our Leader and Father

1st class

1st Vespers

Ant. 1 With zeal have I been zealous \* for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant.

(Psalms as in 1st Vespers of the Common of the Dedication of a Church)

2 How long will you halt \* between two sides? if the Lord be God, follow him.

3 If I be a man of God, \* let fire come down from heaven, and consume you and the fifty men with you.

4 It is not I \* who have troubled Israel, but you and your father's house, who have forsaken the commandments of the Lord.

5 You have slain, \* more-

over you have also taken possession. Behold I will bring evil upon you and I will cut down your posterity.

Little Chapter      *Eccl. 48:1-2*

Like a fire there appeared the Prophet Elias, whose words were as a flaming furnace. Their staff of bread he shattered, in his zeal he reduced them to straits.

Hymn

- 1- Now our delight is to hasten  
in spirit  
To Carmel's summit and let our  
praises ring  
Loudly and clearly to honor our  
Father  
The Prophet Elias.
- 2- He is our Leader in reverent  
worship,  
He is our glory, the strength of  
our Order.  
Throughout all countries, his  
offspring have flourished  
From the east to the west.
- 3- When famine punished a  
faithless land, his bread  
Was brought by ravens. The  
widow's store of meal,  
By his art, never lessened; nor  
ever lacked  
Her vessel of oil.
- 4- By his prayers poured out to  
God, a son brought back  
From the gates of death, he  
restored to the arms  
Of the suffering mother; the  
light of life  
By his pleas he obtained.
- 5- The rain clouds he closed,  
and again by his word,

Opened. When three years had  
passed, he commanded  
Heaven to let rain fall and the  
thirsting earth

Drank in the showers.

6- Praise to the Father Most  
High, and to the Son

The Only-begotten, be praise,  
and to you

Their Holy Spirit, be praise,  
kingdom and power

Now and forever. Amen.

W. By God's word he shut up  
the heavens.

R. And three times brought  
down fire.

Ant. (Magn.) Lo, I will send  
you \* Elias the Prophet, before  
the day of the Lord comes, the  
great and terrible day, to turn  
the hearts of the fathers to their  
children and the hearts of the  
children to their fathers.

Collect

We believe, All-powerful  
God, that blessed Elias, your  
Prophet and our Father, has  
been marvelously taken up in a  
fiery chariot; grant that through  
his intercession, our hearts may  
be elevated to heavenly things,  
and we may rejoice in the com-  
panionship of your Saints. This  
we ask of you through our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

Sunday Compline

Matins

Invit. The Lord, King of  
Prophets \* Come, let us adore.

Ps. 94 Venite, exultemus.

## Hymn

- 1- Great Author of all things  
that are,  
Our hearts blaze up in joyful  
praise  
Extolling him whom you too  
love,  
The Thesbite, seer of ancient  
days.
- 2- With burning zeal for your  
blest name  
He challenged wicked priests of  
Baal  
And conquering, killed them in  
his might,  
Upholding thus your sacred law.
- 3- The victims offered by his  
prayer  
Drew heaven's blest consuming  
fire.  
In vain Baal's servants scream  
and rave,  
Their frenzy is a joke to all.
- 4- Then Jezabel, unholy queen,  
In fury raged, the prophet fled.  
Beneath the sheltering juniper  
He sleeps and lo! an angel  
stands;
- 5- Brings strengthening bread  
for weary limbs  
And marks a journey yet to go,  
The heavenly bread brings cour-  
age new  
Mount Horeb's summit to  
attain.
- 6- No food but this for forty  
days,  
He travels to the holy Mount,  
Prefiguring the royal feast  
The Lord's own hand in love  
bestows.
- 7- All glory ever be to thee,

To Father, Word, and Paraclete,  
O undivided Trinity  
Who didst create all things that  
are.

## 1st Nocturn

*Ant. 1* It came about \* that  
the son of the mistress of the  
house fell ill and his illness was  
very grave.

*Psalms from the common of  
a Confessor not a Bishop.*

*Ant. 2* The woman said \* to  
Elias: What have I done to you,  
O man of God? Have you come  
into my house that my sins  
should be called to mind, and  
my son must die?

*Ant. 3* Elias said \* to the  
widow: Give me your son. And  
he cried to the Lord, and the  
boy lived again.

V. By the word of the Lord  
he shut up the heavens. R. And  
three times brought down fire  
from heaven.

From the Third Book of Kings  
*Lesson i* *Ch. 17:1-22*

And Elias the Thesbite of the  
inhabitants of Galaad said to  
Achab: As the Lord lives, the  
God of Israel, in whose sight I  
stand, there shall not be dew or  
rain these years, but according  
to the words of my mouth. And  
the word of the Lord came to  
him saying: Get thee hence, and  
go towards the east and hide  
thyself by the torrent of Carith,  
which is over against the Jordan,  
and there you shall drink of the

torrent: and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there. So he went, and did according to the word of the Lord: and going, he dwelt by the torrent Carith, which is over against the Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening, and he drank of the torrent. But after some time the torrent was dried up, for it had not rained upon the earth. Then the word of the Lord came to him saying: Arise, and go to Sarephtha of the Sidonians, and dwell there, for I have commanded a widow woman there to feed you.

R. Withdraw from here, and go towards the east, the Lord said to Elias. \* Who went away, and did as the Lord commanded. V. Hide near the torrent of Carith, and there you shall drink from the torrent: and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there. — Who.

### Lesson ii

He arose, and went to Sarephtha. And when he was come to the gate of the city, he saw the widow woman gathering sticks, and he called her, and said to her: Give me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. And when she was going to fetch it he called after her, saying: Bring me also, I beseech you, a morsel of bread in your hand. And she answered: As the Lord your God

lives, I have no bread, but only a handful of meal in a pot, and a little oil in a cruse; behold I am gathering two sticks that I may go in and dress it, for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. And Elias said to her: Fear not, but go and do as you have said: but first make for me of the same meal, a little hearth cake, and bring it to me: and after make for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: the pot of meal shall not waste, nor the cruse of oil be diminished, until the day wherein the Lord will give rain upon the face of the earth. She went and did according to the word of Elias: and he ate, and she, and her house; and from that day the pot of meal wasted not, and the cruse of oil was not diminished, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke in the hand of Elias.

R. The woman went away, and did as the Prophet commanded. \* And he ate, and she, and so also did her household. V. From that day the supply of meal did not diminish in the pot and the cruse of oil was not drained in accordance with the words of Elias. — And she ate.

### Lesson iii

And it came to pass after this, that the son of the mistress of the house fell sick and the sickness was very grievous, so that there was no breath left in him. And she said to Elias: What

have I to do with you, man of God? Have you come to me that my iniquities should be remembered, and that you should kill my son? And Elias said to her: Give me your son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him into the upper chamber where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. And he cried to the Lord, and said: O Lord my God, have you afflicted also this widow, with whom I am after a sort maintained, so as to kill her son? And he stretched, and measured himself upon the child three times, and cried to the Lord, and said: O Lord, my God, let the soul of this child, I beseech you, return to his body. And the Lord heard the voice of Elias: and the soul of the child returned into him, and he revived.

R. The soul of the child returned into him, and he came to life again, and Elias gave him to his mother, saying: \* Behold your son lives. V. Elias took the child, and brought him down to the lower part of the house, saying. — Behold. — Glory be. — Behold.

#### 2nd Nocturn

Ant. 4 The word of the Lord \* came to Elias, saying: Go, and show yourself to Achab, that I may give rain upon the face of the earth.

Ant. 5 Said Elias \* to Achab: Arise, eat and drink, for I hear the sound of much rain.

Ant. 6 The hand of the Lord \* was upon Elias, and girding his loins, he ran before Achab, until he reached Jezrael.

V. You anoint Kings unto penance. R. And appoint Prophets to be your successors.

#### Lesson iv

From the book of  
St. Epiphanius, Bishop

(On the lives of the Prophets.)

Elias the Prophet was a native of Thesbis, from the country of the Arabians, of the tribe of Aaron the Levite. But he lived in Galaad, because Thesbis was a place dedicated and set apart for the priests. When he was born, Sobac, his father, had the following vision: Some men, bearing in front of them a snowy garment, paid reverence to the little boy, then snatched him from his mother's breast and gave him flames of fire to eat instead of food. The father journeyed to Jerusalem and related the vision to the priests. The Chresmatismus, that is, the Oracle or the Answerer, replied in this way: Beware of telling this vision abroad. For light will be the dwelling-place of this son, and his speech will be interpretation and wisdom. He shall judge Israel with fire and with a two-edged sword. This is that Elias who three times brought fire from heaven, brought rain down by his word, revived the dead and finally was taken up

to heaven in a cloud of fiery whirlwind.

R. Said Abdias to Elias: When I have left you, the Spirit of the Lord will take you away to a place I do not know of; and you say to me: \* Tell your master: Here is Elias. V. Elias answered: As the Lord of hosts lives, before whose face I stand, I shall appear before him this day. — Tell your.

*Lesson v*

From the book of  
St. Isidore, Bishop  
(*On the life and death of  
Saints.*)

Elias, which means "the Lord God", a Thesbite, great Priest and Prophet, dweller in solitude, full of faith, with ardent devotion, strong in labors, skillful in work, renowned for his understanding, strict in discipline, assiduous in holy meditation, and fearless of death. He struck tyrants, killed blasphemers, worked many miracles of power. He shut up the heavens for three years of drought. Again he prayed and the heavens gave rain. He brought the woman's son back to life. By his prayer the pot of meal did not diminish and the cruse of oil gave an endless fountain. By his word, fire from heaven descended upon his sacrifice. Two companies of fifty soldiers were burned by the fire he called down from heaven. Crossing the

Jordan, he separated the waters by the touch of his mantle.

R. When Elias had come to the city gate, he saw a widow gathering firewood, and he called to her and said: \* Give me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. V. And when she went to bring it to him, he called after her, saying: Bring me also, I beg you, a morsel of bread in your hand. — Give.

*Lesson vi*

After these things, he was taken to heaven in a fiery chariot and he will come, according to the Prophet Malachias, at the end of the world as the forerunner of Christ, to announce his last coming with great powers and prodigies of miracles, so that the Anti-christ will wage war against him and Henoah, who will come with him, and he will kill them. Their bodies will lie for three days and six hours unburied in the streets. From there the Lord will raise him up, and he will strike the kingdom of Anti-christ with the sword of his mouth and those who worshipped him, and the Lord will reign with all his Saints forever.

R. Elias stretched and measured himself three times over the child, and cried to the Lord. \* And the Lord heard the voice of Elias. V. O Lord my God, let the soul of this child, I beseech you, return to his body. — And the Lord. — Glory be. — And the Lord.

*3rd Nocturn*

*Ant. 7* Said Elias \* to the prophets of Baal: Choose for yourself one ox, and call upon the names of your gods. They cried and no one answered.

*Ant. 8* When the time had come \* for offering the holocaust, Elias approached, and prayed to the Lord.

*Ant. 9* At the prayer of Elias \* the Lord's fire came down, and consumed the holocaust, and the firewood, and the stones, the dust even, and the water which was flowing in the aqueduct.

*V.* Blessed are they who saw you. *R.* And were honored with your friendship.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Lesson vii* *Ch. 9:28-36*

At that time Jesus took Peter, and James, and John, and went up to a mountain to pray. And it came about that, as he prayed, his countenance was changed. And so forth.

A homily of  
St. John Chrysostom  
(*Homily 57 on Matthew*)

Why did Our Lord bring Moses and Elias into the vision on the mount? Many reasons can be given. First, because many of the crowd thought Jesus to be Elias or Jeremias or one of the ancient prophets; therefore he brought Moses and Elias to their view. For they

were the principal figures among the prophets, and in seeing them, the Apostles would discern with their own eyes the difference between the Lord and the servant; also they might laudably believe Peter, who acknowledged Jesus to be the Son of God. Then, that he might vindicate his right to claim as his own the glory of the Father. The Jews had persistently accused him of being a transgressor of the Law and had deemed him a blasphemer. They said: "This man is not from God for he does not observe the sabbath." And again: "It is not for any good work we are stoning you, but because you, being a man, make yourself God." That he might demonstrate that they were accusing him of these things through envy; that he was guilty of none of the alleged crimes; that he neither transgressed the Law nor sought for himself a glory that was not his when he claimed equality with the Father. For these reasons he brought out two men who were each as renowned as the other for their devotion to the Law. For the Law was given to Moses; and Moses would not permit the Law to be trampled on as the Jews believed our Lord was doing; nor would Moses pay honor to a transgressor of the Law, or to an enemy of the Law's purpose. Elias was zealous for the glory of God and he would not have stood at the side of anyone

who, without right, called himself the equal of the Father; nor would he have appeared to anyone who claimed glory that was not his.

R. To the messengers of the king of Samaria Elias said: "Is there not a God in Israel, that you should consult Beelzebub? For this cause the Lord says: \* You shall not rise from the bed on which you have lain, but you shall surely die." V. The messengers returned to Ochozias and said: "A man met us who said: Go and return to the king, and speak to him thus:" — "You shall not . . ."

#### *Lesson viii*

In addition to all these reasons, we can also add another: that the Lord would have us believe rightly and firmly in his power over death as well as life; that he might prove that he is the Lord of things above and of things below. Therefore he brought Moses who had died long before, and Elias who had not yet undergone death. A fourth reason the Evangelist also mentions. What is that? That he might show forth the glory of the cross; and that both Peter and the others who feared the suffering, might be strengthened, and their minds lifted up to sublime things. For they were not silent; but they spoke, as the Evangelist says, of the glory he was to accomplish in Jerusalem; the glory, that is to

say, of the cross and the passion, for so they always spoke of it.

R. It came about that when the Lord would take Elias through the whirlwind into heaven, \* Eliseus cried out, saying: My father, my father, the glory of Israel and its driver. V. While they were journeying, walking and talking together, behold a fiery chariot and fiery horses parted them from each other, and Elias ascended through the whirlwind into heaven. — Eliseus. — Glory be. — Eliseus.

#### *Lesson ix*

To all these considerations we must add the singular and outstanding strength of these two men — a strength Jesus was demanding in a special way from his disciples. For he had said: If any man wishes to come after me, let him take up his cross, and follow me. And so he brought into their presence men who would have undergone death a hundred times for the preservation of the commandments of God, and of the people entrusted to them. Both of them had found their soul in losing it. With exceedingly great freedom they had spoken out against tyrants, one against the Egyptians, the other against Achab. The thing is, that they had done this for ungrateful and disobedient men who subjected them to fearful tortures. They were despised and left without author-



ity, yet they undertook to snatch their people from the worship of idols. One was hesitant of tongue and weak of voice; the other was of unpolished manners. Both despised the riches of this world. For Moses never possessed anything at all and Elias had only his cloak. This was especially so when they were old. Nor would they make themselves strong by their great gift of miracles.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

(antiphons for the Little Hours also)

Ant. 1 Elias \* burning with zeal for the law, was received into heaven.

*Psalms of Sunday in the 1st place.*

2 Now it came to pass \* when the Lord wished to take Elias up by a whirlwind into heaven, Elias and Eliseus were going from Galgal.

3 Elias took his mantle \* and struck the waters, and they were divided and they both passed over on dry ground.

4 As Elias \* and Eliseus went on, walking and talking together, behold a fiery chariot, and fiery horses parted them both asunder.

5 Elias went up \* by a whirlwind into heaven: and Eliseus saw him and cried: "My father, the chariot of Israel and its driver."

*Little Chapter Eccli. 48:1-2*

Like a fire there appeared the Prophet Elias whose words were as a flaming furnace. Their staff of bread he shattered, in his zeal he reduced them to straits.

*Hymn*

1- Companions, let us send to the heavens our songs  
Of praise unceasing, and with happy hearts honor  
The illustrious Thesbite, the Prophet, our Leader.  
His glory today we recall.

2- In the whispered murmuring of a gentle breeze.

He heard God's secret message: to rebuke the queen,  
The wicked Jezabel, for her ferocity

And Achab for his heinous crimes.

3- Garments of skin were his clothing; his home a cave

On the verdant summit of Carmel. Undaunted,

He threatened the unholy king Ochozias,

His tragic destruction foretold.

4- Two times by his prayers, he brought down fire from heaven,

Its flame consuming the soldiers sent against him,

By a touch of his mantle divided the waves

And passed through the waters dryshod.

5- Do not leave us orphans, Father, help us always.

Give us your protection, by your prayer beseeching

More abundant blessings from  
the Holy Spirit  
Upon us your children.

6 — To the Father Unbegotten,  
be forever praise  
And highest glory. To his only  
Son be praise.  
And equal praise be to you, O  
Holy Spirit

One undivided Trinity. Amen.

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

*Ant. (Ben.)* Elias \* was a man  
like ourselves, subject to the  
same infirmities; and he prayed  
earnestly that it might not rain  
upon the earth, and it did not  
rain for three years and six  
months. He prayed again, and  
the heavens gave rain, and the  
earth brought forth its fruit.

#### Collect

We believe, All-powerful  
God, that blessed Elias, your  
Prophet and our Father, has  
been marvelously taken up in a  
fiery chariot; grant that through  
his intercession, our hearts may  
be elevated to heavenly things,  
and we may rejoice in the com-  
panionship of your Saints. This  
we ask of you through our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

*At the Little Hours, Sunday  
Psalms, but at Prime as on  
feasts.*

#### Terce

*Little Chapter Eccli. 48:1-2*

Like a fire there appeared the  
Prophet Elias whose words were

as a flaming furnace. Their staff  
of bread he shattered, in his zeal  
he reduced them to straits.

*Short ℞.* By the word of the  
Lord \* He shut up the heavens.  
— By the word. ℣. And three  
times brought down fire upon  
earth. — He shut. — Glory be. —  
By the word.

℣. You anoint Kings unto  
penance. ℞. And appoint  
Prophets to be your successors.

#### Sext

*Little Chapter Eccli 48:3-4*

By God's word he shut up the  
heavens and three times brought  
down fire. How awesome are  
you, Elias! Whose glory is equal  
to yours?

*Short ℞.* You anoint Kings \*  
Unto penance. — You. ℣ And  
appoint Prophets to be your  
successors. — Unto. — Glory be.  
— You.

℣. Blessed are they who saw  
you. ℞. And were honored with  
your friendship.

#### None

*Little Chapter Eccli. 48:5-10*

You brought a dead man back  
to life from the nether world  
by the will of the Lord. You are  
destined, it is written, in time  
to come to put an end to wrath  
before the day of the Lord.

*Short ℞.* Blessed are they \*  
Who saw you. — Blessed. ℣.  
And were honored with your  
friendship. — Who saw. — Glory  
be. — Blessed.

℣. Elias was covered with the

whirlwind. R. And his spirit was completed in Eliseus.

2nd Vespers

*Antiphons and Little Chapter from Lauds. Psalms of Sunday, but instead of the last one there is said Psalm 147 "Lauda, Jerusalem"*

Hymn

- 1- From the sun's rising to its slow descending  
Let earth, air and sea hear our homage to you,  
Father Elias, the strength of our Order  
Your people's glory.
- 2 - O shining light, with heaven's radiance glowing,  
O powerful in works, and in your merits blest!  
How often were you, for his mightiest deeds  
By the Lord chosen!
- 3 - In fiery chariot drawn by fiery horses  
Upwards in triumph, swiftly angels bear you,  
Blazing in glory beyond earthly beauty  
In glittering light.
- 4 - The only Son of the eternal Father  
Called you with Moses, as faithful companion  
To witness his glory, high on the lofty  
Summit of Thabor.
- 5 - Be near to us now with the shield of your favor.  
With filial trust we confide in your love.

Your kind hand extend, we beg as your children:  
Always protect us.

6- Praise to the Father Most High, and to the Son,  
The Only-begotten, be praise, and to You  
Their Holy Spirit, be praise, kingdom and power  
Now and forever. Amen.

V. Blessed are they who saw you. R. And were honored with your friendship.

*Ant. (Magn.)* Elias took his mantle \* and struck the waters of the Jordan. The waters were divided in two, and both he and Eliseus passed over on dry ground: And Elias went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Collect

We believe, All-powerful God, that blessed Elias, your Prophet and our Father, has been marvelously taken up in a fiery chariot; grant that through his intercession, our hearts may be elevated to heavenly things, and we may rejoice in the companionship of your Saints. This we ask of you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday Compline.

July 23

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces

2nd class

All from the common of the Blessed Virgin Mary except what is here given as proper.