



JULY 20TH.

Our Holy Father, St. Elias, Prophet.

Double of the First Class with Common Octave—Red Vestments.

The Prophet Elias is invoked daily by the sons of the Queen of Carmel as their Father and Leader. He was born about 900 B.C. and was raised up by God to restore the worship of the one true God among the Chosen People. He gathered round him on Mount Carmel other holy hermits and so founded the most ancient of all Orders. Consequently he is justly numbered among the founders of Religious Orders and several Popes have confirmed him as such. Saint Elias, after communicating his spirit to Saint Eliseus, was miraculously taken up to Heaven in a fiery chariot. According to the Prophet, Malachy, he will return at the end of the world to engage in fierce conflict with Antichrist.

Mass.

INTROIT: Malach. IV. 5-6.

Behold I will send unto you Elias the Prophet, before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers.

Ps. LXVI. 2. May God have mercy on us, and bless us: may he cause the light of his countenance to shine upon us, and may he have mercy on us.
V. Glory.

Ecce ego mittam vobis Eliam Prophetam, antequam veniat dies Domini magnus, et horribilis. Et convertet cor patrum ad filios, et cor filiorum ad patres eorum. Ps. LXVI.

2. Deus misereatur nostri, et benedicat nobis: illuminet vultum suum super nos, et misereatur nostri. V. Gloria Patri.

COLLECT.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who believe that Blessed Elias, thy Prophet and our Father was marvellously taken up in a fiery chariot, may, by his intercession, ourselves also be uplifted to the heavenly realms, and rejoice in the fellowship of thy saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praesta, quaesumus, omnipotens Deus: ut, qui beatum Eliam, Prophetam tuum et Patrem nostrum, igneo curru mirabiliter elevatum esse credimus; eodem interveniente ad caelestia sublevemur, et Sanctorum tuorum consortio gaudeamus. Per Dominum.

Commemoration of the Octave of Our Lady of Mount Carmel; and (in low Masses only) of St. Jerome Emilian.

Lectio Libri Sapientiae. Lesson from the Book of Wisdom.

Surrexit Elias Propheta, quasi ignis. et verbum illius quasi facula ardebat. Qui induxit in illos famem, et irritantes illum invidia sua, pauci facti sunt: non enim poterant sustinere praecepta Domini. Verbo Domini continuit caelum. et deiecit de caelo ignem ter: sic amplificatus est Elias in mirabilibus suis. Et quis potest similiter sic gloriari tibi? Qui sustulisti mortuum ab inferis, de sorte mortis in verbo Domini Dei. Qui deiecisti reges ad perniciem, et confregisti facile potentiam ipsorum et gloriosos de lecto suo. Qui audis in Sina iudicium. et in Horeb iudicia defensionis. Qui ungis reges ad poenitentiam, et prophetas facis successores post te. Qui receptus es in turbine ignis, in curru equorum igneorum. Qui scriptus es in iudiciis temporum lenire incundiam Domini: conciliare cor patris ad filium, et restituere tribus Jacob.

1 Till like a fire there appeared the prophet whose words were as a flaming furnace. 2 Their staff of bread he shattered, in his zeal he reduced them to straits: 3 by God's word he shut up the heavens and three times brought down fire. 4 How awesome are you, Elias! Whose glory is equal to yours? 5 You brought a dead man back to life from the nether world, by the will of the Lord. 6 You sent kings down to destruction, and nobles, from their beds of sickness. 7 You heard threats at Sinai, at Horeb avenging judgments. 8 You anointed kings who should inflict vengeance, and a prophet as your successor. 9 You were taken aloft in a whirlwind, in a chariot with fiery horses. 10 You are destined, it is written, in time to come to put an end to wrath before the day of the Lord, to turn back the hearts of fathers toward their sons, and to re-establish the tribes of Jacob. 11 Blessed is he who shall have seen you before he dies. 12 O Elias, enveloped in the whirlwind!

GRADUAL: Ps. CXLIV. 18-19.

V. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.
V. He will do the will of them that fear him and he will hear their prayers, and save them. Alleluia. Alleluia. V. 3. Kings XVIII. 36, 38. O Lord God, show this day that thou are the God of Israel, and I thy servant. And the fire of the Lord fell; and consumed the holocaust. Alleluia.

Prope est Dominus omnibus invocantibus eum: omnibus invocantibus eum in veritate. V. Voluntatem timentium se faciet, et deprecationem eorum exaudiet: et salvos faciet eos. Alleluia, Alleluia. V. 3 Reg. XVIII, 36, 38. Domine Deus, ostende hodie quia tu es Deus Israel, et ego servus tuus. Et cecidit ignis Domini, et voravit holocaustum. Alleluia.

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In Votive Masses after Septuagesima instead of Alleluia and versicle, is said:

TRACT: Ps. XXVI. 2-3.

My enemies that trouble me, have themselves been weakened, and have fallen.

V. If armies in camp should stand together against me my heart shall not fear. V. If a battle should rise up against me, in this will I be confident.

Qui tribulant me inimici mei, ipsi infirmati sunt et ceciderunt.

V. Si consistant adversum me castra, non timebit cor meum. V. Si exurgat adversum me proelium, in hoc ego sperabo.

Alleluia. Alleluia. V. 3 Kings XVIII. 36-38. O Lord God, show this day that thou art the God of Israel, and I thy servant. And the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the holocaust. Alleluia. V. Ps. LXXXV. 10. Thou art great, O Lord, and doest wonderful things: thou alone art God. Alleluia.

Alleluia. Alleluia. V. 3. Reg. XVIII. 36-38. Domine Deus ostende hodie, quia tu es Deus Israel, et ego servus tuus. Et cecidit ignis Domini et voravit holocaustum. Alleluia. V. Ps. LXXXV. 10. Magnus es tu, Domine, et faciens mirabilia: tu es Deus solus. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke IX. 28-36.

✠Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum Lucam.— In illo tempore: Assumpsit Jesus Petrum, et Jacobum, et Joannem, et ascendit in montem ut oraret. Et facta est, dum oraret, species vultus ejus altera: et vestitus ejus albus et refulgens. Et ecce duo viri loquebantur cum illo. Erant autem Moyses, et Elias, visi in majestate: et dicebant excessum ejus, quem completurus erat in Jerusalem. Petrus vero, et qui cum illo erant, gravati erant somno. Et evigilantes viderunt majestatem ejus et duos viros, qui stabant cum illo. Et factum est cum discederent ab illo ait Petrus ad Jesum: Praeceptor, bonum est nos hic esse: et faciamus tria tabernacula, unum tibi, et unum Moysi, et unum Eliae, nesciens quid diceret. Haec autem illo loquente, facta est nubes, et obumbravit eos: et timuerunt, intransibus illis in nubem. Et vox facta est de nube, dicens: Hic est Filius meus dilectus,

✠Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke: At that time: Now it came to pass about eight days after these words that he took Peter, James and John and went up the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he prayed, the appearance of his countenance was changed, and his raiment became a radiant white. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him. And these were Moses and Elias, ³¹ who, appearing in glory, spoke of his death, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep. But when they were fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men who were standing with him. ³³ And it came to pass as they were parting from him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here. And let us set up three tents, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias," not knowing what he said. ³⁴ But as he was speaking thus, there came a cloud and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son; hear him." ³⁶ And after the voice had passed, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silence and told no one at that time any of these things that they had seen.

OFFERTORY: James V. 17-18.

Elias was a man passible like unto us: and with prayer he prayed that it might not rain upon the earth; and it rained not for three years and six months. And he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded her fruit. Alleluia.

Elias homo erat similis nobis passibilis: et oratione oravit, ut non plueret super terram, et non pluit annos tres, et menses sex. Et rursum oravit, et coelum dedit pluviam, et terra dedit fructum suum, Alleluia.

Secret.

We offer unto thee, O Lord, the sacrifice of praise in honour of Saint Elias thy Prophet and our Father; and even as thou accepted his burnt-offering, so vouchsafe to receive our sacrifice: that we may thereby attain unto everlasting gladness. Through Our Lord

Offerimus tibi, Domine, hostiam laudis in honorem sancti Eliae, Prophetae tui et Patris nostri: et sicut tu holocausto illius adfuisti, ita sacrificium nostrum acceptare digneris; ut per illud ad aeternam pervenire mereamur laetiam. Per Dominum.

um audite. Et dum ret vox, inventus est us solus. Et ipsi uerunt, et nemini dierunt in illis diebus quidam ex his, quae vident.

Vere dignum et justum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere: Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, aeterne Deus: Et te in Solemnitate (Commemoratione) beati Eliae, Prophetae tui et Patris nostri, exultantibus animis laudare, benedicere et praedicare. Qui in verbo tuo surrexit quasi ignis, coelum continuit, mortuos excitavit, tyrannos percussit, sacrilegos necavit, vitaeque monasticae fundamenta constituit. Qui pane ac potu angelico ministerio refectus, in fortitudine cibi illius usque ad montem sanctum ambulavit. Qui raptus in turbine ignis, Praecursor est venturus secundi adventus Jesu Christi Domini nostri. Per quem majestatem tuam laudant Angeli atque Archangeli, Cherubim quoque ac Seraphim: qui non cessant clamare quotidie una voce dicentes. Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus. . . .

It is truly meet and just, right and availing unto salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God; and to praise thee with exultant minds, to bless and entreat thee on the Solemnity (in commemoration) of blessed Elias thy Prophet, our Father. Who in thy word rose up as a fire, shut up heaven, raised the dead, smote tyrants, slew them that were guilty of sacrilege, and laid the foundation of monastic life. Who, fed with meat and drink by the ministry of Angels, walked in the strength of that food even to thy holy mountain. Who being rapt from earth in a whirlwind and a fire, is to come as the forerunner of the second Advent of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Through whom the Angels and Archangels, the Cherubim, too, and the Seraphim do praise; day by day they cease not to cry out, saying, as with one voice: Holy, Holy, Holy. . . .

COMMUNION: 3 Kings XIX. 8.

Comedit Elias et bibit, et ambulavit in fortitudine cibi illius usque ad montem Dei. Alleluia.

Elias ate and drank; and walked in the strength of that food unto the mount of God. Alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION.

Deus, qui per sanctum Angelum beato Eliae, Prophetae tuo et Patri nostro, cibum et potum tribuisti: ipso interveniente concede; ut, quae de coelesti mensa percepimus, sinceris mentibus illibata servemus. Per Dominum.

O God, who by thy angel didst give food and drink to Blessed Elias, thy Prophet and our Father: grant by his intercession that what we have received from this heavenly table we may with pure minds keep undefiled. Through Our Lord.

PRAYER TO SAINT ELIAS
PROPHET and FOUNDER
OF THE CARMELITE ORDER
Feast - July 20th
(according to the Carmelite Calendar)

O Great Saint Elias, who was raised up by God to restore the worship of the one true God among His people, look down upon poor suffering humanity; convert those estranged from God; restore the one true Church of Christ among all nations, that by thy prayer the just chastisement due to our sins and ingratitude may be averted, and that peace and God's justice may reign everywhere.

O holy Prophet of the Most High, who by the word of the Lord shut up the heavens and opened them again, and who by the word of the Lord God brought back to life the dead son of the widow, have compassion on us and help us in our necessities; obtain for us the grace to patiently bear our present sorrows, that by thy prayer the Mercies of God may rain down upon our souls true peace and His every grace and blessing.

O most devoted servant of the Virgin Mother of God, who by the purity of thy life and thy zeal for the honor of God was given the special mission to pray for her coming so that the world would have its promised Saviour, obtain for us a true devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, that being made worthy of her maternal protection we may remain forever faithful through her powerful intercession.

O glorious Saint Elias, who was taken up to Heaven in a fiery chariot and who, as it is written, shall return before the end of the world to appease the wrath of the Lord, and to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, turn our hearts to our Heavenly Father, that in doing His Holy Will here on earth, we may be received by Him into His Heavenly Kingdom for all eternity. Amen.

With ecclesiastical approbation