

GVM031 Elia Lrde

Date: August 19, 2016

Location: House of Chamgeliani family, Lakhushdi Village, Lat'li community

Singers: Murad Pirtskhelān (71), Gigo Chamgeliān (77), Givi Pirtskhelān (79).

The hymn belongs to a number of ritual sacred repertoire, most of which are believed to have ancient origins. Much of the hymn's verbal text, as in many other songs of this type, is meaningless and based mainly on syllables and vowels, thus creating a rich ground for various interpretations. According to the locals, this hymn is sung by the Mestia community on the Feast of White St. George.