

**February 26, 2012**  
**First Sunday in Lent - Sunday of Orthodoxy**  
**Octoechos Tone 4**  
**Our Holy Father Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza**

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**Divine Liturgy**

***Troparia and Kontakia***

*Troparion, Tone 4* When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel\* the glorious news of the resurrection\* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,\* they proudly told the apostles:\* “Death has been plundered!\* Christ our God is risen,\* granting to the world great mercy.”

*Troparion, Tone 2* We bow before Your most pure image, O kind Lord,\* and beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God.\* Of Your own will You consented to ascend the Cross in the flesh to free Your handiwork from enslavement to the enemy.\* In thanksgiving we cry aloud to You:\* by coming to save the world, our Saviour, You filled all things with joy.

*Glory... Now...*

*Kontakion, Tone 8* The uncircumscribed Word of the Father\* became circumscribed when He took flesh of you, O Mother of God,\* and when He restored the divine image to its ancient glory,\* He suffused it with the beauty of God.\* Therefore, confessing our salvation in deed and word,\* we portray it in images.

***Prokeimenon, Tone 4***

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,\* and praised and glorified is Your Name for ever.  
*verse:* For You are righteous in everything You have done to us.

***Epistle***

*Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40; 12:1-2*

***Alleluia, Tone 4***

*verse:* Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name.  
*verse:* They called on the Lord, and He heard them.

***Gospel***

*John 1:43-51*

***Instead of It is truly right we sing:***

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before the ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

***Communion Verse***

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.\* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;\* praise befits the righteous.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.