March 18, 2012
Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast
Venerable Father John Climacus
Octoechos Tone 7
Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem

DIVINE LITURGY

Troparia and Kontakion

Troparion, Tone 7 By Your cross You destroyed death;* You opened Paradise to the thief;* You changed the lamentation of the myrrhbearers to joy,* and charged the apostles to proclaim* that You are risen, O Christ our God,* offering great mercy to the world.

Troparion, Tone 1 O John, our God-bearing father,* you were shown to be a citizen of the desert,* an angel in bodily form,* and a worker of miracles.* Through fasting, prayers and vigils you received heavenly gifts* to heal the sick and the souls of those who, in faith, run to you.* Glory to Him who gives you strength.* Glory to Him who crowned you.* Glory to Him who works healing for all through you.

Glory... Now...

Kontakion, Tone 4 On the heights of true abstinence,* the Lord established you as a reliable star,* giving light for guidance to the ends of the earth,* O father John, our teacher.

Prokeimenon, Tone 7

The Lord will give strength to His people;* the Lord will bless His people with peace. *verse:* Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams.

Prokeimenon, Tone 7

The venerable ones will exult in glory* and they shall be joyful in their beds.

Epistle

Hebrews 6:13-20

Alleluia, Tone 7

verse: It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Your name, O Most High.

verse: To announce Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth every night.

verse: They who are planted in the hose of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Gospel

Mark 9:17-31

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.* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.