

**Sunday, February 18, 2018**

**– First Sunday of Lent, Tone 4**

***Sunday Tropar, 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."

***Tropar, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, tone 2:***

We pay homage to Your undefiled image, Good Lord,\* and beg pardon for our faults, Christ our God.\* By Your will You chose to mount the cross in Your flesh\* to free Your creatures from slavery to the enemy.\* For this we gratefully cry out to You:\* "By coming to save the world, our Saviour, You filled all things with joy."

***Glory Be ... tone 8:***

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,\* now and for ever and ever. Amen.

***Kondak, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, tone 8:***

The uncircumscribed Word on the Father\* became circumscribed by being enfleshed from you, Godbearer.\* You brought back the stained image to its original state\* by infusing it with divine beauty.\* But recognizing our salvation we portray it by word and deed.

***Prokimen, tone 4:***

Blessed are you, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and glorious forever is your name.

***verse:*** *For you are just in all you have done.*

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***Epistle:*** A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews. (11: 24 -26; 32 - 12: 2)

***Alleluia Verses:***

*Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name.*

*They called upon the Lord, and he answered them.*

***Gospel:*** John 1: 43 - 51

***Instead of 'Indeed, it is fitting':***

In you,\* Lady, full of grace,\* all creation rejoices,\* the world of angels\* and the human race.\* Sanctified temple spiritual paradise,\* boast\* of virgins,\* God\* took flesh from you\* and became a child;\* He was God\* before\* the ages.\* He made your womb\* a throne\* and made it\* more encompassing\* than the heavens.\* In you,\* Lady full of grace,\* all creation\* rejoices,\* glory be to you.

***Communion Hymn (Verses):***

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.

Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!