

'Lord I Call' - St Porphyrius

February 26

Reader (3): For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Tone 8

Obikhod

O Ven - 'ra - ble Father Por - phy - ri - us, thou didst take
the Cross of Christ upon thy shoul - der, abandoning all and
reach - ing the des - ert. Armed with fast - ing and prayers, thou didst battle
with the ru - ler of this world. Therefore as a tem - ple of the Spir - it
of God, thou hast cast him down together with carnal mind - ed - ness.

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Reader (2): Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

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As of old God saved the three Youths from the fire
by His An - gel, so now He has saved three youths by thee.
They had been dragged down in - to a pit, but God bore them up as in
a bas - ket, overshadowing them with the light of a cloud which formed three
cross - es on their bod - ies, reproving those who opposed thee, O Por - phy - ri - us.

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Reader (1): For His mercy is confirmed on us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

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Obikhod

Who can worthily sing hymns to thy temptations and

pains, O Por - phy - ri - us, thy misfortunes, tribulations, and thy

strug - gles for the faith? Thou didst show that thou hast great

bold - ness be - fore God. Therefore, because of that boldness, we en - treat

thee: Pray on our behalf to the Lord that we may be saved!