**OCTOBER 26**

**Holy and Glorious Greatmartyr Demetrius the Myrrhgusher of Thessalonica**

**Commemoration of the Great Earthquake at Constantinople in 740 A.D.**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 4**

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

Hear me, O Lord!

V. (8) *Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

**Tone 2** *(for St. Demetrius) (Joseph of Arimathea)*

Glorious Martyr Demetrius,

you ever enlighten your native land like a radiant star,

protecting it from destruction by the enemy,

delivering it from misery and every storm.

Therefore, O blessed one, it offers you praise with joy,

keeping your annual commemoration,//

singing hymns with faith and love to the Lord Who has glorified you.

V. (7) *Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

(Repeat: “Glorious Martyr Demetrius…”)

V. (6) *If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

Holy Demetrius, martyr and passion-bearer of Christ,

you enlighten the world, like a sun, with miracles.

Therefore on the day of your memorial,

we all delight in your wonders, O blessed one,

as we keep the feast with faith.

Since you have boldness before the Lord,//

entreat Him to save your servants from corruption and tribulations!

V. (5) *For Your Name’s sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

Your side was pierced by spears for the sake of the Savior,

Whose side was pierced on the Cross,

for with love you imitated Him in your wounds,

showing to all the steadfastness of your witness, O passion-bearer

Demetrius.

Therefore the tyrant fell wounded,//

receiving the shaft of your confession, O athlete of Christ.

V. (4) *From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

**Tone 8** *(for St. Demetrius) (Oh, most glorious wonder)*

Oh, most glorious wonder!

Today joy shines forth in heaven and on earth

at the commemoration of the martyr Demetrius.

He is crowned with praises by the Angels and receives songs from men.

How greatly he suffered!

How well he fought the fight!//

Through him the evil enemy has fallen, and Christ has conquered.

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

(Repeat: “Oh, most glorious wonder…”)

V. (2) *Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

Oh, most glorious wonder!

With rays of miracles brighter than the sun

Demetrius ever enlightens the ends of the earth,

for he is illumined by the never-fading Light

and delights in the Sun that never sets.

By his rays the clouds of the enemy have been dispelled,//

infirmities driven away, and the demons vanquished.

V. (1) *For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

Oh, most glorious wonder!

The thrice-blessed Demetrius, pierced for the sake of Christ,

ever reveals himself to the foe as a two-edged sword,

cutting down the uprisings of the enemy

and casting down the boldness of demons.

Let us cry out to him://

“Holy Demetrius, save us that ever faithfully honor you with love!”

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 6** *(for St. Demetrius, by Byzantius)*

Today the universal feast of the passion-bearer has assembled us.

Come, O lovers of the feasts of the Church,

let us brilliantly celebrate his commemoration, saying:

“Rejoice, for you tore the garment of impiety with faith,

robing yourself with a spirit of courage!

Rejoice, for you destroyed the schemes of the enemy with the power given

you by God!

Rejoice, for with your pierced limbs

you spiritually portrayed the sufferings of Christ for us!

Entreat Him, O Demetrius, adornment of athletes,

that we be delivered from enemies, visible and invisible,//

and that our souls may be saved!”

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 6**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?

Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?

The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,

but from you He was ineffably incarnate.

God by nature, yet Man for our sake,

not two persons, but one known in two natures.

Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//

to have mercy on our souls!

**Old Testament Readings**

**Composite 16** *(Isaiah 63:15-64:5, 8-9)*

**Jeremiah 2:2-12**

**Wisdom 4:7-15**

**Litya**

*(If the rector desires the Litya, following the sticheron to the Patron Saint of the Temple,*

*these stichera are sung)*

**Tone 1** *(for St. Demetrius, by George Sykeliotus)*

Rejoice in the Lord, O city of Thessalonica!

Be glad and join a chorus!

Robe yourself in splendor with faith,

for you have Demetrius as a treasure in your bosom!

He is the all-renowned athlete and martyr for the truth.

Delight in his miracles, seeing the healing he accomplishes!

See how he casts down the boldness of the enemy,

and cry out in thanksgiving to the Savior://

“O Lord, glory to You!”

**Tone 1** *(by Anatolius)*

Let us brighten this day with the beauty of hymns!

Let us proclaim the struggles of the martyr,

for the great Demetrius moves us to praise!

Having courageously put down the assaults of the demons,

he entered the stadium with zeal

and gloriously carried off the trophies of victory.//

He entreats the Savior that our souls may be saved.

**Tone 2** *(by Germanus)*

O wise Demetrius,

God has blamelessly set your soul in the dwellings on high,

for you became a champion of the Trinity,

and firm as a rock, you competed bravely in the stadium.

Pierced in your pure side, O most honored One,

you imitated Him Who was pierced on the Tree

for the salvation of all the world.

You received the gift of working miracles,

richly granting healings to all.

Therefore as we fittingly celebrate your falling asleep,//

we glorify God Who has glorified you.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 5** *(for St. Demetrius) (Let us sound the trumpet)*

Let us run with faith and love

and cry out with hymns of the feast!

Let us all clap our hands for the celebration of our chief and leader!

Let the armies of Heaven rejoice

over him who was pierced for the King and Lord,

Who Himself was pierced with a spear, boldly casting down the daring of

the enemy!

Let the earth and sea marvel

at the most glorious signs wrought by this brilliant light!

Let the young fittingly praise the trainer of youth,

the staff of old age, the intercessor in the midst of misfortunes,

the enricher of the poor, the guide on the way,

an ally in battle!

Come, O city of Thessalonica and let us say in prayer:

“O most glorious Demetrius,

go before us and rescue us from every need//

and by your prayers, save your servants!”

N*ow and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 5** *(by Patriarch Germanus)*

Let us sound the trumpet of joy!

The Queen of heaven inclines her ear to us.

She crowns with blessings those who honor her.

Let kings and princes run together!

Let them clap their hands to hymns in honor of the Queen

who gave birth to the King of all!

He appeared on earth to burst the bonds of those condemned to death.

Pastors and teachers glorify the Mother of the Good Shepherd.

She is the golden lampstand and the cloud of light.

Her womb is more spacious than the heavens.

She is the living temple and the cherubic throne of the Master,

the jar of manna and the sealed gate of the word,

the divine palace and the refuge of all Christians.

Let us bless her with inspired song, beseeching her:

“Make us worthless people worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven,//

for through your mediation all things are possible!”

**Aposticha**

**Tone 2** *(for the Earthquake, by Simeon of the Wonderful Mountain)*

When the earth was thrown into confusion at the fear of Your wrath,

the hills and the mountains were made to tremble, O Lord,

but You looked upon us with eyes of compassion.

In Your anger do not be enraged with us,

but have compassion for the creation that was fashioned by Your hands,

and deliver us from the terrible threat of earthquake,//

for You are good and the Lover of mankind!

V. *He looks on the earth and makes it tremble. (Ps. 103:34a)*

**Tone 6**

You are awesome, O Lord, and who shall withstand Your just wrath?

Or who shall supplicate or entreat You, O Good One,

on behalf of the sinful and despairing people?

The heavenly ranks of Angels, Principalities and Powers,

Thrones, Dominions, the Cherubim and the Seraphim cry out to You on

our behalf:

“Holy, Holy, Holy are You, O Lord;

disregard not the works of Your hands, O Good One;//

through Your compassionate mercy, save the people who are in danger!”

V. *Thou hast caused the earth to quake and hast troubled it. (Ps. 59:2a)*

The Ninevites, because of their transgressions,

heard that they would be submerged through the threat of an earthquake;

but by the mediating sign of the whale, repentance summoned

resurrection through Jonah.

Thus, as You took pity upon Your people with the children and flocks and

have accepted them,

spare us who are in danger,//

and have mercy of on us through Your Resurrection on the third day!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 8** *(for St. Demetrius, by Anatolius)*

O glorious Demetrius,

your most divine and blameless soul has as its dwelling place the

heavenly Jerusalem,

whose walls are adorned by the undefiled hands of the invisible God,

while on earth this glorious temple holds your all-honored and most

victorious body,

a treasury of wonders that cannot be plundered,

a remedy for diseases.

We hasten to it and obtain healings.

O all-praiseworthy Martyr,

as you have boldness towards Christ, Who has glorified you,//

guard the city that magnifies you from the assaults of the adversaries!//

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 8** *(Theotokion)*

O unwedded Virgin,

who ineffably conceived God in the flesh,

O Mother of God most high,

accept the cries of your servants, O blameless One!

Grant cleansing of transgressions to all!//

Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 3** **Troparion** *(St. Demetrius)*

The world has found you to be a great defense against tribulation

and a vanquisher of heathens, O Passion-bearer.

As you bolstered the courage of Nestor,

who then humbled the arrogance of Lyaios in battle,//

Holy Demetrius, entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 8 Troparion** *(Earthquake)*

O Christ our God, You look upon the earth and it trembles;

deliver us from the terrible threat of earthquakes;//

and through the prayers of the Theotokos, send down upon us Your

abundant mercy and save us!

***(at Vigil)***

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**Tone 4 Troparion to the Theotokos**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,

Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you!

Blessed are you among women,

and blessed is the Fruit of your womb,//

for you have borne the Savior of our souls. *(once)*

***(at the Divine Liturgy)***

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**Tone 2** **Kontakion** *(St. Demetrius)*

God, Who has given you invincible might,

has tinged the Church with streams of your blood, Demetrius.

He preserves your city from harm,//

for you are its foundation.

**Tone 6 Kontakion** *(Earthquake)*

Deliver us all from upheavals, and from terrible afflictions caused by our

sins, O Lord,

and spare Your people whom You have purchased with Your blood, O

Master!

Do not deliver Your city to destruction by terrible earthquakes,

for we know no other God but You;

and to those who cry out You respond://

“I am with you, and no one will be against you.”

**Tone 6** **Prokeimenon** *(Earthquake)*

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

V. *To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)*

**Tone 7** **Prokeimenon** *(St. Demetrius)*

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, /and shall hope in Him. *(Ps. 63:11a)*

**Epistle**

(331-ctr) Hebrews 12:6-13, 25-27 *(Earthquake)*

(292) 2 Timothy 2:1-10 *(St. Demetrius)*

**Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. *O God, You have cast us off, You have scattered us. (Ps. 59:1a)*

V. *You have made the earth to tremble, You have broken it; heal its breaches, for it has been shaken! (Ps. 59:2)*

**Tone 4**

V. *The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in*

*Lebanon.* *(Ps. 91:11)*

**Gospel**

(27) Matthew 8:23-27 *(Earthquake)*

(52) John 15:17-16:2 *(St. Demetrius)*

**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil

tidings! *(Ps. 111:6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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