Stichera at the Praises

Great-Martyr Demetrios, the Myrrh-Streaming

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: Rejoice

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

October 26th

D

A

1) Come thou, O holy Martyr of Christ,
2) Thou art our strong and fortified wall

to us who ask thee in thy mercy to visit us

fearless to all siege-engines raised by the enemy

G

D

and rescue those sore afflicted by tyrants' merciless threats

and bringing to nought the inroads of the barbarian tribes

and the grievous madness of the heretics;

and the sore besetments of all maladies;

by which we are hunted down, and like captives and naked men,

the bastion unbreachable and foundation unbreakable,

we are pursued from place to place, with no fixed abode,

thy city's founder and defender and champion

wandering about in the mountains and caves of earth.

given unto us from on high, O Demetrius.

Text and music used with permission. Copyright, 2005. Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Brookline, MA. Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, Rev. 1, 9/9/18, CAH
Wherefore, take pity, give us rest, O all-famed Demetrios; Hence, even now preserve it by thy prayers, O all-blessed one,
quench all the wrath stirred against us and calm the
for it is sorely imperiled and is after
tempests that buffet us, as thou intercedest
 afflict ed most wretchedly. En-treat Christ our Savior
with our God, Who doth bestow His Great Mercy on the world.
that He graciously bestow His Great Mercy on the world.
(Repeat, and sing the 2nd verse.
Then the following 3rd verse.)

3) Having attained all virtue in truth,
the choir of Martyrs hath most justly inherited
the reveling and delight of the blessed life in the heights

Text and music used with permission. Copyright, 2005. Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Brookline, MA. Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, Rev. 1, 9/9/18, CAH
which is undeﬁled and wholly incorrupt;

therein thou art eminent, wonder-worthy Demetrios,
magniﬁed greatly, since thou hast imitated Christ,
and exulting in thine equality through the lance.

Pray with most earnest fervor for us all, who now honor thee,
that we be rescued from passions and every
grievous adversity, by warmly entreating
Him Who graciously bestoweth Great Mercy on the world.

Text and music used with permission. Copyright, 2005. Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Brookline, MA. Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, Rev. 1, 9/9/18, CAH