

October 26th

Great-Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-Streaming

Byzantine Chant Tone 8

Special melody: *O strange wonder*

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih
from various sources

1) O strange won - der, great and mar - vel - lous! Ex - ceed - ing
2) O strange won - der! Great De - me - tri - os for - ev - er

joy — hath shone forth both in Heav - en and
shin - eth like light to the far - thest ends

on thē earth on this day's me - mo - ri - al
of thē earth with the beams of mir - a - cles

of the Mar - tyr De - me - tri - os. With fit - ting
far more bril - liant - ly than the sun; for he doth

praise — he is crowned by An - gel choirs,
shine — with the nev - er wan - ing Light

and from us men — he re - ceiv - eth songs and hymns.
and doth re - joice — in the Light be - yond ap - proach.

How — val - iant - ly he strove! And how well he fought! Through
By — his bright shin - ings - forth, low - 'ring clouds of fierce bar -

Un. G↓
him the craft - y foe fell in ut - ter ru - in
- bar - i - ans take flight, sick - ness - es are ban - ished,

C
and Christ is vic - to - ri - ous.
de - mons suf - fer swift — de - feat.

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3) O strange won - der! Since in Christ's be - half he hath been
 4) Thou art a tow - er of pi - e - ty which is es -

pierced_ with a spear, the thrice - bless - ed De -
 - tab - lished se - cure on the rock_ of the

G↓ **C** **G↓**

- me - tri - os is a sharp and two - edged sword
 ho - ly Faith, by temp - ta - tions un - sub - dued

C

dai - ly fend - ing off en - e - mies; he mow - eth
 and in dan - gers un - shake - a - ble. For when the

G↓

down_ all their o - ver - ween - ing pride,
 bil - lows of wild un - god - ly men

C

dash - ing to piec - es the de - mons' in - so - lence.
 brake forth up - on_ thee with fu - ry like a storm,

Let_ us cry out to him: O De - me - tri - os, great
 they_ could not o - ver - throw thine un - bend - ing con - stan -

Un. **G↓**

Saint, pro - tect us all who ex - tol thine ev - er -
 - cy, for thou, O Saint, didst de - sire to be a -

C

- ven - 'ra - ble me - mo - ri - al.
 - dorned with crowns of mar - tyr - dom.

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D **C**

5) By thy pas - sion thou didst im - i - tate the quick - 'ning
 6) While yet drip - ping with thy ho - ly blood, thou wast pre -

Pas - sion of Christ, from Whom thou hast re -
 - sent - ed to Christ, the Life - giv - er, Who

G↓ **C** **G↓**

eeived the grace to work signs and mir - a - cles,
 emp - tied out His most pre - cious Blood for thee,

C

O prize - win - ner De - me - tri - os. Thou dost pre -
 O great vic - tor De - me - tri - os; and He hath

G↓

- serve them that have re - course to thee,
 made thee His own com - mu - ni - cant,

C

sav - ing them swift - ly from dan - gers of all kinds,
 shar - ing His King - dom and glo - ry in the heights,

for thou hast au - di - ence and well - pleas - ing bold - ness
 since thou hast o - ver - come thē ac - curst a - veng - er

Un. **G↓**

with Christ, at Whose throne thou now stand - est filled with
 in thine ex - cel - lence and hast quenched his cun - ning

C

glo - ry, O most glo - ri - ous.
 mach - i - na - tions ut - ter - ly.