October 26th
Great-Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-Streaming
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

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3) O strange wonder! Since in Christ's behalf he hath been pierced with a spear, the thrice-blessed Demetrios is a sharp and two-edged sword established secure on the rock of the holy Faith, by temptations subdued daily fending off enemies; he moweth and in dangers unshakeable. For when the down all their overweening pride, billows of wild ungodly men dash ing to pieces the demons' insolence. brake forth upon thee with fury like a storm, let us cry out to him: O Demetrios, great they could not overthrow thine unbending constancy, for thou, O Saint, didst desire to be a -ven - ra - ble me - mo - ri - al.


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5) By thy passion thou didst imitate the quick'ning
6) While yet dripping with thy holy blood, thou wast pre-

Passion of Christ, from Whom thou hast received the grace to work signs and miracles,

empied out His most precious Blood for thee,

O prize-winner Demetrios. Thou dost preserve them that have recourse to thee,

made thee His own communicant,

saving them swiftly from dangers of all kinds,

shar'ing His Kingdom and glory in the heights,

for thou hast audience and well-pleasing boldness since thou hast overcome the accursed a-venger with Christ, at Whose throne thou now standest filled with

in thine excellence and hast quenched his cunning glory, O most glorious nations utterly.


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