

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

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

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

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

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 -

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

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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↓

received 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 the ac - curst a - veng - er

Un. G↓

with Christ, at Whose throne thou now stand - est filled with  
in thine excel - lence and hast quenched his cunning

C

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