October 27th

After-feast of the Great-Martyr Demetrios
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special Melody: Thou art the joy

1) Come, O ye faithful, and as we now gather
   let us praise the great and holy athlete, the most
   valorous hoplite, Demetrios, who trod all the
   power and might of the enemy underfoot;
   and with the fervor of faith, let us cry to him:
   Intercede for us, O Martyr of Christ.

2) With songs let all us the faithful praise great De-
   -metrios, Christ's worthy emu - la - tor, the di-
   -vine prince and victor, the fountain pouring mira-

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forth on the world, and the beauty of purity;

for we are hallowed in body and soul today,

on his glorious memorial.

3) Now Thessalonica danceth on thy memorial, and it doth call together all the choirs of the faithful, O thrice-blessed Demetrios, that they might keep thy most radiant festival.

With them, we also assemble to praise in song thy heroic struggles fought for Christ.