

October 26: Holy GreatMartyr Demetrius
Stichera on "Lord I have cried"
Tone 2, Special Melody "When from the Tree..."
Optina Hermitage

(8) *Reader:* In the 2nd Tone, Special Melody "When from the Tree"
 Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;

I-descant
 II-chant
 melody

O Lord, _____ hear _____ my voice.

O glo - - - ri - ous mar - tyr De - me - - - tri - us,

like a radiant star dost thou ever illumine thy na - tive land; for thou dost

ever protect it from the destruction wrought by the foe,

and dost deliver it from misery and every tem - pest. Where - fore,

O bless - ed one, it doth joyously offer praise un - to thee,

celebrating thine annual commemo - ra - - - tion, hymn - ing with

faith and love, the Lord who hath glo - ri - fied thee.

(7) *Reader:* Let Thine ears be attentive

To the voice of my sup - pli - ca - - - tion.

Repeat 1st sticheron: "O glorious martyr Demetrius..."

(6) *Reader:* If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is for - give - - - ness.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff features a series of chords, with a long slur over the final two measures. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with quarter notes.

O mar - - - tyr and pas - sion bear - er of Christ,

The second system continues the musical notation. The treble staff has a slur over the first two measures and another over the last two. The bass staff continues with quarter notes.

ho - ly De - me - tri - us, thou dost il - lu - mine the world

The third system continues the musical notation. The treble staff has a slur over the last two measures. The bass staff continues with quarter notes.

with mir - a - cles like _____ the sun. Where _____ fore,

The fourth system continues the musical notation. The treble staff has slurs over the last two measures of the first phrase and the last two measures of the second phrase. The bass staff continues with quarter notes.

on the day...

on the day of thy commemo - ra - - - tion, we all delight in thy

won-ders, O bless - ed one, keep - ing fes - ti - val with faith.

Thus, as thou hast boldness be - fore _____ the Lord, be - seech Him

to save thy servants from corruption and trib - u - la - - - tions.

O pas - - - sion - bear - er De - me - - - tri - us,

re-veal-ing un - to all the steadfastness of thy wit - ness.

Wherefore, the tyrant fell wound - - - - ded,

receiving the shaft of thy confes - sion, O ath - lete of Christ.

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