Let Israel hope in the Lord.

What hymns of praise shall we sing in honor of the holy bishop? He is the trumpet of theology, the herald of the fire of grace, the honored vessel of the Spirit, the unshaken pillar of the Church, the great joy.
of the inhabited earth, the river of wisdom,

the candlestick of the light, the shining star that makes glorious the whole creation.

(3) Reader: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all His iniquities.

Repeat: "What hymns of praise..."
(2) Reader: O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

Praise Him all ye peoples.

What words of song shall we weave as a garland, to crown the holy bishop? He is the champion of true devotion and the adversary of ungodliness, the fervent protector of the Faith, the great guide and teacher, the well-tuned harp of the Spirit,
the golden tongue, the fountain
that flows with waters of healing for the faithful,
Gregory the great and marvelous.
(1) Reader: For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,

And the truth of the Lord abideth forever.

With what words shall we who dwell on earth praise the holy bishop? He is the teacher of the Church, the herald of the light of God, the initiate of the heavenly mysteries of the Trinity, the chief adornment of the monastic life, renowned
like in action and in contemplation,

the glory of Thessalonica; and now he dwells in heaven

with the great and glorious martyr Demetrius,

whose relics flow with holy oil.


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