

# October 26

**Commemoration of the Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr  
Demetrios of Thessalonica, the Myrrh-Gusher;  
and of the Great Earthquake in Constantinople**  
(3rd Class, 3rd Tone, 9th Eothinon)

## ORTHROS

**TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION** (*Tone 3*) [**Twice**]

Let all in heaven rejoice, and all on earth be glad: for the Lord has exerted power with His arm. By death, He has trampled upon death, and has become the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the bosom of Hades and has granted to the world great mercy!

**TROPARION OF DEMETRIOS** (*Tone 3*)

O victorious Demetrios, you were given to the world as a powerful protector against dangers and an invincible soldier of Christ. As you inspired Nestor to overcome the pride of Lyaios, so intercede with Christ God that He may grant us His great mercy.

**RESURRECTIONAL THEOTOKION** (*Tone 3*)

We praise you, O Virgin Theotokos, mediatrix of our salvation; for your Son, our God, who suffered on the Cross in the flesh which was taken from you, redeemed us from corruption; for He is the Lover of Mankind.

**SESSIONAL HYMNS** (*Tone 3*)

Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep in death, the first-born of all creation, and the Maker of all created things. In Himself, He renewed the nature of our fallen race. And now, Death, you shall have no more dominion. The Lord of all has broken your power.

v. Arise, O Lord my God; lift up Your mighty hand, and never forget Your poor.

Having put on Christ, O martyr Demetrios, glory of athletes, you vanquished the impotent enemy. Having overcome the error of the impious in Him, you became a trainer in the faith for all believers; thus we celebrate your sacred memory.

v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Those who place their trust in you will never be put to shame, O you who alone gave birth wondrously in the flesh to Christ our God. Together with the holy apostles, entreat Him to grant the remission of sins to all, and amendment of life to us before the end.

**HYPACOI** (*Tone 3*)

A radiant angel, dazzling in beauty and sweet of voice, said to the ointment-bearing women: "Why are you seeking the Living One among the dead? He is risen and has left the tomb empty. Understand that the Immutable One has changed corruption into incorruption, and say to God: 'How awesome are Your works, O God, for You have saved the human race!'"

**KONDAKION OF THE RESURRECTION** (*Tone 3*)

O Merciful One, today You rose from the tomb and delivered us from Hades! Today Adam rejoices and Eve exults! Prophets and priests exalt unceasingly the divine might of Your Kingdom!"

**IKOS** (*Tone 3*)

Let heaven and earth dance with joy today and sing with one heart the praises of Christ our God who has raised from their tombs those who had been held as captives to death! Let the whole creation rejoice, offering the Creator and Redeemer of all hymns worthy of Him! For as the Giver of Life, He has today drawn up mortals with Him from Hades, carrying them up with Himself to heaven. He has crushed the arrogance of the enemy and shattered the gates of Hades by the divine might of His Kingdom!

**SYNAXARION**

On October 26, we commemorate the holy and glorious great-martyr and wonderworker, Demetrios the Myrrh-Gusher.

O Christ, Demetrios was pierced by lances in his side in imitation of Your holy suffering. Demetrios confessed the Son of the almighty Father, and on the twenty-sixth he was pierced and died.

On the same day, we commemorate the great and terrible earthquake.

O Word, You made the earth quake in order to save it; for it was in pity that You filled it with Your wrath.

To You be glory and power throughout the ages of ages. Amen.

**EXAPOSTILARIA** (*Tone 2*)

~Master, when You entered, although the doors were locked, You filled Your Apostles with the Holy Spirit. Breathing upon them, You gave them peace, telling them that they were to bind and unbind sins. Eight days later, You appeared to Thomas, showing him Your hands and side. With him, we too cry aloud: "My Lord and my God!"

~O victorious martyr Demetrios, by divine grace you once crushed the arrogant insolence and powerful might of Lyaios, strengthening the brave Nestor in the arena by the power of the Cross. By your prayers, ceaselessly strengthen me in the same way against the demons and the soul-destroying passions.

~O all-pure Virgin Mary, do not cease to entreat the Lord who was incarnate from your chaste womb on our behalf. May we, your useless servants, find grace, favor and help on the day of anguish for all mankind. By your maternal prayers, deliver us from the threat of earthquake and all danger.

**PRAISES** *Stichera of the Resurrection* (*Tone 3*)

8. Come, all you people, and acknowledge the power of the wondrous mystery: for Christ our Savior, the Word who existed from the beginning, was crucified for our sins, willed to be buried in the tomb, then rose from the dead in order to save all creation! Let us bow down in worship before Him!
7. The guards narrated all Your wonders, Lord; but the assembly of the proud filled their hands with bribes, thinking thus to conceal Your Resurrection which the whole world glorifies: O Lord, have mercy on us!
6. The universe was filled with joy at the announcement of Your holy Resurrection! Coming to the tomb, Mary Magdalene found an angel seated on the stone. Clad in radiant robes, he said: "Why are you seeking the Living One among the dead? He is not here, for He has risen! As He said, He will go before you into Galilee!"
5. O Lord and Lover of Mankind, in Your light, we see Light, for You have risen from the dead, granting salvation to the human race. Therefore, the whole creation glorifies You! O only Sinless One, have mercy on us!

*Stichera for Demetrios (Tone 5)*

4. O Demetrios, martyr of Christ, come to us who need your compassionate visitation. Deliver us from the threat of the tyrants who mistreat us and from the terrible madness of heresy. We are pursued like naked captives, ceaselessly driven from place to place, hiding in caves and mountains, Manifest your compassion, O glorious martyr and grant us rest. Calm the storm and put an end to the wrath against us. Entreat God to grant great mercy to the world.
3. O Demetrios, martyr of Christ ... (*Repeat*)
- v. You made the earth quiver and quake; You heal foundations, for it is shaken.
2. You are given to us as a fortified rampart, not fearing the siege of the Enemy, but driving back the approach of all barbarians and maladies. You are the unshakable foundation, the indestructible base, the patronal defender of the city in which you dwell. Now that it is in danger, consumed by misery, save it by your prayers before Christ, O Demetrios. O blessed one, entreat Him to grant great mercy to the world.
- v. He looks upon the earth and makes it quake; He touches the mountains and they smoke.
1. The assembly of victorious martyrs possesses all virtues, and they have inherited the joys of the blessed, never-ending life. You stand out among them, O wondrous Demetrios; you shone in your imitation of Christ, glorifying Him by the blow of a lance in your side. Fervently entreat Him on behalf of us who venerate you, that we be delivered from the passions and deadly falls, asking that He grant great mercy to the world.
- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

*Doxastikon (Tone 5)*

In these last days, O Christ, You appeared in the midst of Your friends late on a Sabbath evening. By a wondrous miracle, You passed through locked doors, thus confirming the truth of Your Resurrection from the dead. You filled Your Disciples with joy, bestowing the Holy Spirit upon them and granting them power for the remission of sins. And You did not let Thomas drown in

the depths of unbelief. Grant us also the knowledge of the truth  
and the forgiveness of our sins, O compassionate Lord!

- now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

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