## "Lord I Call..." - Tone 2

Reader: In the Second Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

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Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

Let my prayer arise in Your sight as incense,

and <u>let</u> the lifting <u>up</u> of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!



Reader: (Reads text from service book)

- v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!
- v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.
- v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!
- v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
- v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

Tone 2 (for St. Demetrius) (Joseph of Arimathea)

Glorious Martyr Demetrius,

you ever enlighten your native land like a radiant star,

protecting it from destruction by the enemy,

delivering it from misery and every storm.

Therefore, O blessed one, it offers you praise with joy,

keeping your annual commemoration,//

singing hymns with faith and love to the Lord Who has glorified you.



v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Holy Demetrius, martyr and passion-<u>bear</u>er of Christ, you enlighten the world, like a sun, with <u>mir</u>acles.

Therefore on the day of your memorial,

we all delight in your wonders, O blessed one,

as we keep the feast with faith.

Since you have boldness before the Lord,//

entreat Him to save your servants from corruption and tribulations!



v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Your side was pierced by spears for the sake of the Savior,

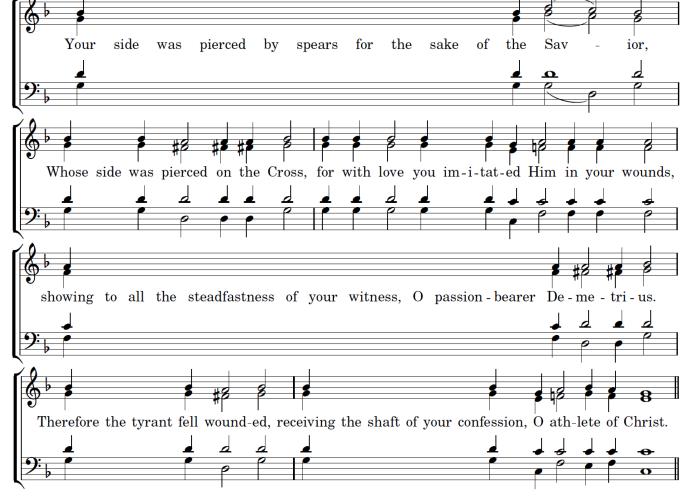
Whose side was pierced on the Cross,

for with love you imitated Him in your wounds,

showing to all the steadfastness of your witness, O passion-bearer Demetrius.

Therefore the tyrant fell wounded,//

receiving the shaft of your confession, O athlete of Christ.



v. (3) In the Eighth Tone, For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Oh, most glorious wonder!

Today joy shines forth in heaven and on earth

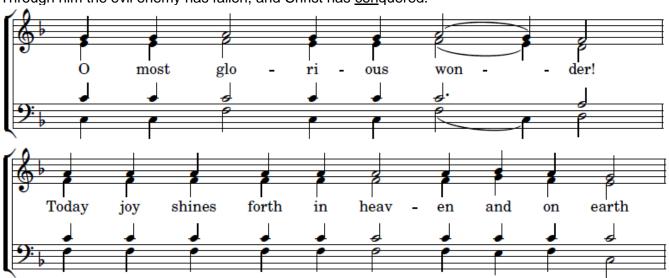
at the commemoration of the martyr Demetrius.

He is crowned with praises by the Angels and receives songs from men.

How greatly he suffered!

How well he fought the fight!//

Through him the evil enemy has fallen, and Christ has conquered.





v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

Oh, most glorious wonder!

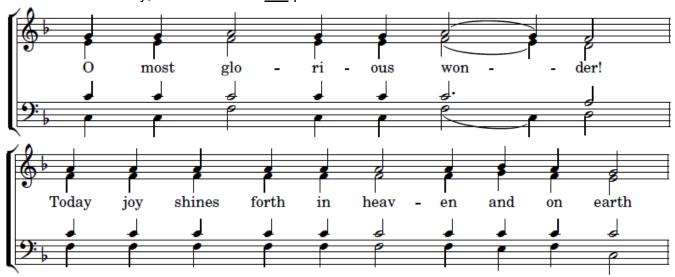
With rays of miracles brighter than the sun

Demetrius ever enlightens the ends of the earth,

for he is illumined by the never-fading Light

and delights in the Sun that never sets.

By his rays the clouds of the <u>enemy</u> have <u>been</u> dispelled,//infirmities driven away, and the demons <u>van</u>quished.





v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Oh, most glorious wonder!

The thrice-blessed Demetrius, pierced for the sake of Christ,

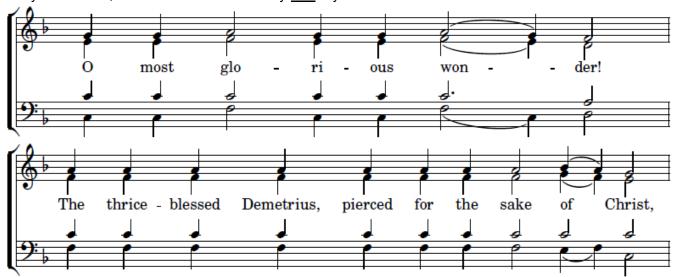
ever reveals himself to the foe as a two-edged sword,

cutting down the uprisings of the enemy

and casting down the boldness of demons.

Let <u>us</u> cry <u>out</u> to him://

"Holy Demetrius, save us that ever faithfully honor you with love!"





In the Sixth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Today the universal feast of the passion-bearer has assembled us.

Come, O lovers of the feasts of the Church,

let us brilliantly celebrate his commemoration, saying:

"Rejoice, for you tore the garment of impiety with faith,

robing yourself with a spirit of courage!

Rejoice, for you destroyed the schemes of the enemy with the power given you by God!

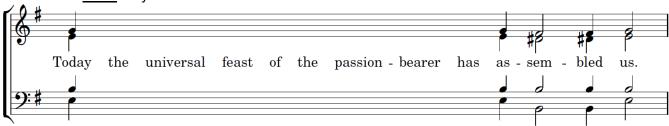
Rejoice, for with your pierced limbs

you spiritually portrayed the sufferings of Christ for us!

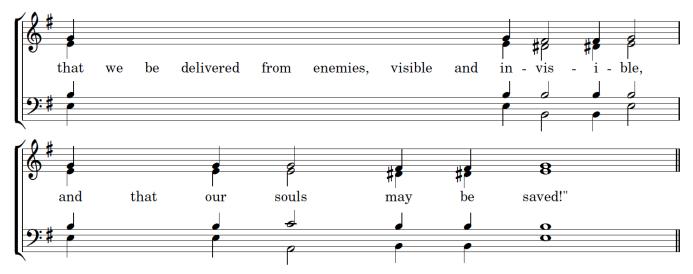
Entreat Him, O Demetrius, adornment of athletes,

that we be delivered from enemies, visible and invisible,//

and that our souls may be saved!"







In the Third Tone, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

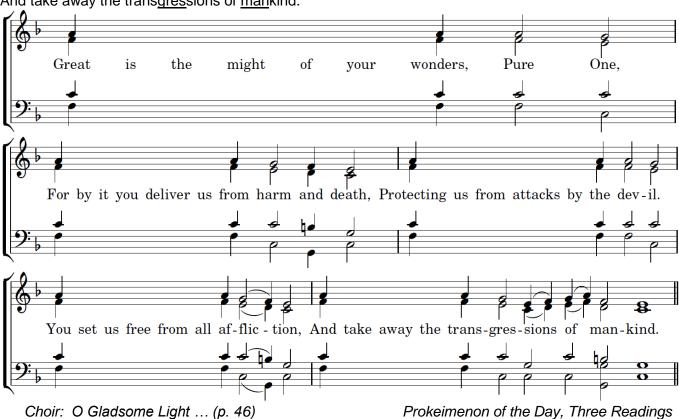
Great is the might of your wonders, Pure One,

For by it you deliver us from harm and death,

Protecting us from attacks by the devil.

You set us free from all affliction,//

And take away the transgressions of mankind.



Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah. (Isaiah 63:15-19 & 64:1-5 and selection)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Look down from heaven, O Lord, and see from your holy house and your glory. Where is the multitude of your mercy and your pity, that you keep back from us, O Lord? For you are our Father, though Abraham did not know us, though Israel did not acknowledge us; but you are our Father, deliver us. From the beginning your name is upon us. Why have you made us wander from your way, Lord? Why have you hardened our hearts not to fear you? Turn back for the sake of your servants, for the tribes of your inheritance, that we may inherit a small part of your holy mountain. Our enemies have trampled down your sanctuary. We have become as at the beginning, when you did not know us, when your name had not been invoked upon us. If you open the heaven, trembling shall take hold upon mountains from you, and they shall melt as wax melts before the fire; and fire shall burn up your enemies, and your name shall be manifest to your enemies; before your face nations shall be troubled. When you do glorious things trembling from you shall seize mountains. From eternity we have not heard, nor have we seen a God save you; and your works are true, and you do mercy to those who wait on you. For mercy shall meet those who act righteously, and they shall be mindful of your ways. And now, Lord, your are our Father, while we are your clay and you are our Fashioner; we are all the works of your hands; do not be very angry with us, Lord, and do not remember our sins in season. And now look upon us, Lord, for we are all your people.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Prophecy of Jeremiah. (Jeremiah 2:1-12)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Thus says the Lord: I have remembered the mercy of your youth and the love of your marriage, in your following the Holy One of Israel, says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel. For the Lord the first of his produce. All that devour him shall offend; evils shall come upon them, says the Lord. Hear the word of the Lord, house of Jacob and all the family of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What offence did your fathers find in me, that they rebelled far from me and went after vanities and became vain? Nor did they say: Where is the Lord, who brought us up from Egypt, who guided us in the wilderness, in a vast and trackless land, in a waterless and fruitless land, and in the shadow of death? In a land in which no man had ever journeyed, nor had any human dwelt there? And I led you into Carmel, to eat its fruits and its good things. And you entered and defiled my land, and you turned my inheritance into an abomination. Your priests did not say: Where is the Lord? And those who stood by the law did not know me, and the shepherds sinned against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after what is profitless. Therefore I will dispute with you again, says the Lord, and I will dispute with your children's children. Pass through the isles of the Kittim and see; send to Kedar and observe closely, and see if such things have been done; if the nations shall change their gods—and they are not gods. But my people has changed their glory for that from which they get no profit. Heaven is amazed at this and shudders greatly with horror, savs the Lord.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Wisdom of Solomon. (Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: A righteous man, even if he die early, shall be at rest. For an honored old age is not so for length of time, nor is it measured by the number of years. Understanding is peoples' true grey hairs, and a ripe old age a spotless life. Having become pleasing to God, he was loved; and while living among sinners, he was taken away. He was snatched away lest wickedness pervert his understanding, or trickery deceive his soul. For the witchery of what is paltry dims what is good, and the inconstancy of desire undermines an innocent mind. Made perfect in a short time, he fulfilled long years, for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he hurried him from the midst of evil. But the peoples saw and did not understood, nor did they lay such a thing to heart, that grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his presence with his chosen ones.

Then, Vouchsafe, O Lord, ...

#### **APOSTIKHA - Tone 3**

(Stikhera to the Apostles)

Your proclamation has gone out into all the earth,

Holy Apostles!

By preaching the understanding of God,

You vanquished the delusion of idols.

This commendable deed was yours, blessed ones,//

Therefore we sing and glorify your memory!



v. I lift up my eyes to You, enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He has mercy on us.

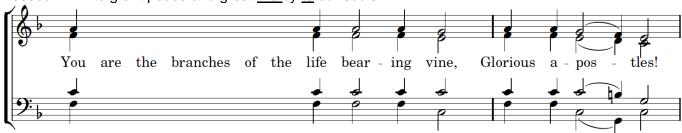
You are the branches of the life bearing vine,

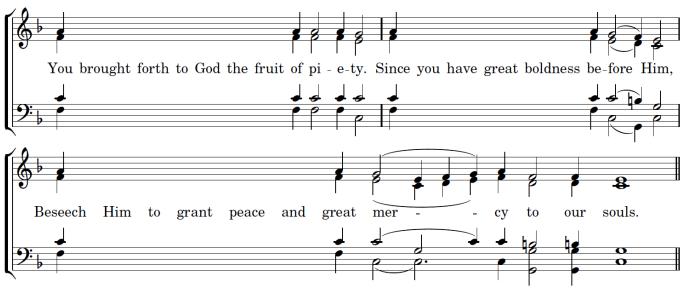
Glorious apostles!

You brought forth to God the fruit of piety.

Since you have great boldness before Him,//

Beseech Him to grant peace and great mercy to our souls.





v. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us, for we have had our fill of contempt, our soul has been filled to overflowing. Let reproach be for the prosperous, and contempt of the proud.

(To the martyrs)

Your martyrs, Lord,

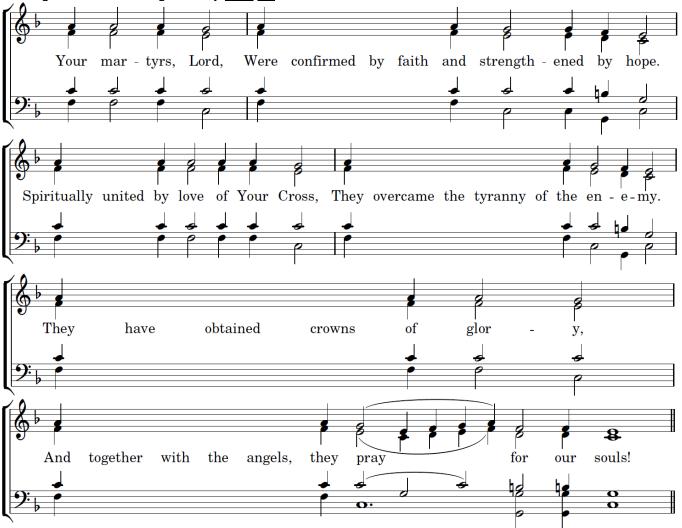
Were confirmed by faith and strengthened by hope.

Spiritually united by love of Your Cross,

They overcame the tyranny of the enemy.

They have obtained crowns of glory,//

And together with the angels, they pray for our souls!



## (Theotokion)

In the Eighth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

### O glorious Demetrius,

your most divine and blameless soul has as its dwelling place the heavenly Je<u>ru</u>salem, whose walls are adorned by the undefiled hands of the invisible God,

while on earth this glorious temple holds your all-honored and most victorious body,

a treasury of wonders that cannot be plundered,

### a remedy for diseases.

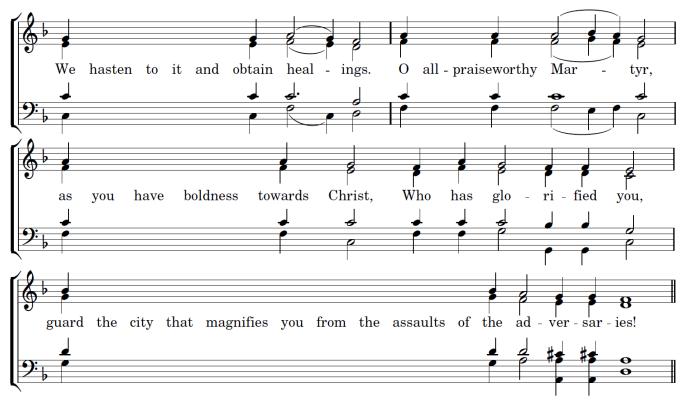
We hasten to it and obtain healings.

# O all-praiseworthy Martyr,

as you have boldness towards Christ, Who has glorified you,//

guard the city that magnifies you from the assaults of the adversaries!//





now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Those who were worthy to behold God in the flesh

Proclaimed you to be a bride and a virgin, Maiden,

Worthy of the Father and his divinity.

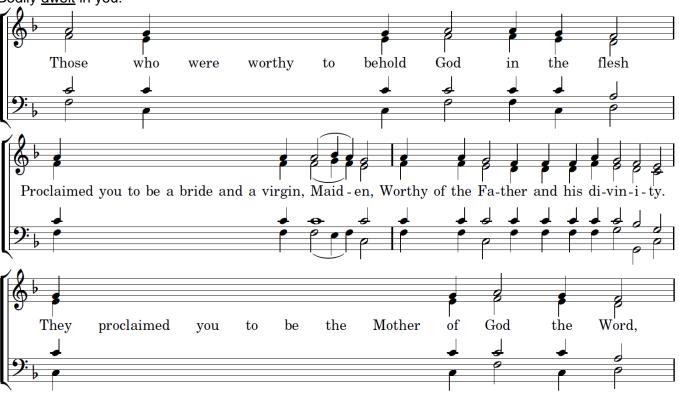
They proclaimed you to be the Mother of God the Word,

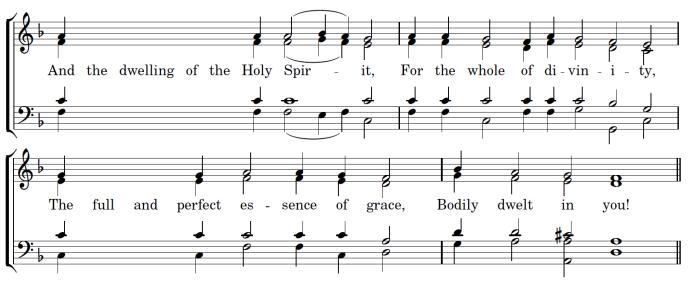
And the dwelling of the Holy Spirit,

For the whole of divinity,

The full and perfect essence of grace,//

Bodily <u>dwelt</u> in you!





Then, St. Symeon's Prayer (p. 58)

(Troparion for the Saint – Tone 3)

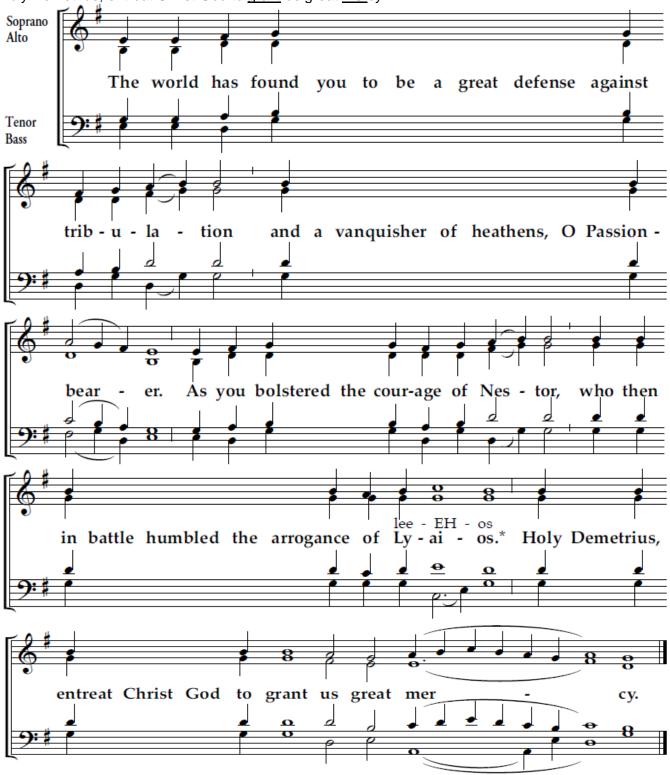
The world has <u>found</u> you to be a great defense against tribu<u>la</u>tion

and a vanquisher of heathens, O Passion-bearer.

As you bolstered the courage of Nestor,

who then humbled the arrogance of Lyaios in battle,//

Holy Demetrius, entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy!



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen.

Through <u>you</u>, ever-virgin Theo<u>to</u>kos, We have become partakers of the Divine <u>na</u>ture,

For you gave birth to the incarnate God for our sake.//

Therefore we all devoutly magnify you!

