

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost;

The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius, from Whose Tomb Myrrh Streams Forth

Troparion, Tone 3: (page 29)

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death.* He became the first-born of the dead;* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

Troparion, Tone 3:

In you, O martyr Demetrius,* the world has discovered a champion in its travails,* for you have routed the nations* and so, as you smashed the pride of Lyaeus*, encouraging Nestor to struggle,* pray to Christ our God to grant great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion, Tone 3:

You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,* and led us out from the gates of death.* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,* and the prophets together with the patriarchs* unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 2:

With the streams of your blood, O Demetrius,* God, who gave you invincible strength,* has dyed the Church in royal crimson* and preserved your city invulnerable* for you are its fortification.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion: (Tone 3)

Today the Virgin stands before us in the church* and together with the choirs of saints invisibly prays to God for us.* Angels are worshipping with hierarchs,* Apostles exult with prophets,* for the Mother of God prays in our behalf to the eternal God.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3: (page 33)

Sing to our God, sing;* sing to our King, sing.

verse: Clap your hands, all you nations;* shout unto God with the voice of joy.

Prokeimenon, Tone 7:

The just man shall be glad in the Lord,* and shall hope in Him.

Alleluia, Tone 3: (page 33)

verse: In You, O Lord, have I hoped* that I may not be put to shame for ever.

verse: Be a protector unto me, O God,* and a house of refuge to save me.

verse: The just man shall flourish like the palm tree,* and he shall grow like the cedar in Lebanon.

verse: They who are planted in the house of the Lord* shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Communion verse: (page 67)

Praise the Lord from the heavens,* praise Him in the highest.* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.* Alleluia. (3X)