

GREAT VESPERS ON OCTOBER 25
GREAT-MARTYR DEMETRIOS THE MYRRH-STREAMING
COMMEMORATION OF THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE IN CONSTANTINOPLE IN 740;
VENERABLE-MARTYR JOASAPH OF DIONYSIOU MONASTERY ON ATHOS

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Come, let us worship and fall down before God our King.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

THE PSALM OF INTRODUCTION—PSALM 103

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou hast been magnified exceedingly. Confession and majesty hast Thou put on, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment, Who stretchest out the heaven as it were a curtain; Who supporteth His chambers in the waters, Who appointeth the clouds for His ascent, Who walketh upon the wings of the winds, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire.

Who establisheth the earth in the sureness thereof; it shall not be turned back forever and ever. The abyss like a garment is His mantle; upon the mountains shall the waters stand. At Thy rebuke they will flee, at the voice of Thy thunder shall they be afraid.

The mountains rise up and the plains sink down, unto the place where Thou hast established them. Thou appointedst a bound that they shall not pass, neither return to cover the earth. He sendeth forth springs in the valleys; between the mountains will the waters run. They shall give drink to all the beasts of the field; the wild asses will wait to quench their thirst. Beside them will the birds of the heaven lodge, from the midst of the rocks will they give voice.

He watereth the mountains from His chambers; the earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of Thy works. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and green herb for the service of men, to bring forth bread out of the earth; and wine maketh glad the heart of man. To make his face cheerful with oil; and bread strengtheneth man's heart.

The trees of the plain shall be satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon, which Thou hast planted. There will the sparrows make their nests; the house of the heron is chief among them. The high mountains are a refuge for the harts, and so is the rock for the hares.

He hath made the moon for seasons; the sun knoweth his going down. Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night, wherein all the beasts of the forest will go abroad; young lions roaring after their prey, and seeking their food from God. The sun ariseth, and they are gathered together, and they lay them down in their dens. Man shall go forth unto his work, and to his labor until the evening. How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

The earth is filled with Thy creation. So is this great and spacious sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, small living creatures with the great. There go the ships; there this leviathan, whom Thou hast made to play therein. All things wait on Thee, to give them their food in due season; when Thou givest it them, they will gather it. When Thou openest Thy hand, all things shall be filled with goodness; when Thou turnest away Thy face, they shall be troubled.

Thou wilt take their spirit, and they shall cease; and unto their dust shall they return. Thou wilt send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created; and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let the glory of the Lord be unto the ages; the Lord will rejoice in His works. Who looketh on the earth and maketh it tremble, Who toucheth the mountains and they smoke. I will sing unto the Lord throughout my life, I will chant to my God for as long as I have my being.

May my words be sweet unto Him; I will rejoice in the Lord. O that sinners would cease from the earth, and they that work iniquity, that they should be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The sun knoweth his going down. Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night. How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. (THRICE)
O our God and our Hope, glory to Thee!

THE GREAT LITANY

Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the Holy Churches of God, and for the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this Holy House, and for those who with faith, reverence, and fear of God, enter therein, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our father and Metropolitan PHILIP, for our Archbishop JOSEPH, for the venerable Priesthood, the Deaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: (In the United States) For the President of the United States, for all civil authorities, and for our Armed Forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

(In Canada) For Her Majesty, the Queen, for the Prime Minister of Canada, for all civil authorities, and for our Armed Forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That He will aid them and grant them victory over every enemy and adversary, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this city, and for every city and land, and for the faithful who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For healthful seasons, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For travelers by sea, by land, and by air; for the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints: let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For unto Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

“O LORD, I HAVE CRIED” IN TONE EIGHT

Choir: O Lord, I have cried out unto Thee, hear Thou me; hear Thou me, O Lord. O Lord, I have cried out unto Thee, hear Thou me. Give ear to the voice of my supplication when I cry out unto Thee: hear Thou me, O Lord.

Choir: Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as the incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice; hear Thou me, O Lord.

- + Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and a protecting door round about my lips.
- + Incline not my heart to evil words, to make excuses in sins.
- + With men that work iniquity; and I will not communicate with the choicest of them.
- + The just man shall correct me in mercy and shall reprove me; but let not the oil of the sinner anoint my head.
- + For my prayer also shall still be against the things with which they are well pleased; their judges falling upon the rock have been swallowed up.
- + They shall hear my words, for they are sweet; as when the thickness of the earth is broken upon the ground, their bones are scattered by the side of hell.
- + But to Thee, O Lord, Lord, are mine eyes; in Thee have I put my trust, take not away my soul.

- + Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and the traps of the workers of iniquity.
- + Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst I alone escape.
- + I cried unto the Lord with my voice, with my voice unto the Lord, did I make my supplication.
- + I poured out my supplication before Him; I showed before Him my trouble.
- + When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then Thou knewest my path.
- + In the way wherein I walked have they secretly laid a snare for me.
- + I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me.
- + Refuge failed me; no one cared for my soul.
- + I cried unto Thee, O Lord; I said: Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.
- + Attend unto my cry, for I am brought very low.
- + Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I.

Verse 10. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Thy Name.

Verse 9. The righteous shall wait for me until Thou recompense me.

Verse 8. Out of the depths have I cried to Thee, O Lord, Lord hear my voice.

Verse 7. Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

For St. Demetrios in Tone Eight (**O strange wonder**)

Verse 6. If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is forgiveness.

How strangely wondrous that today hath shone forth delight in heaven and on earth in memory of Demetrios the Martyr; for verily he is crowned with songs of praise from the angels and receiveth hymns from men. What a contender! Who fought the good fight, and through whom the deceitful enemy did fall, overcome for Christ.

Verse 5. Because of Thy Name have I waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited upon Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

How strangely wondrous that Demetrios doth ever shine in all quarters of the earth with rays of miracles more brilliant than the light of the sun, receiving light from the Light that is succeeded not by night, delighting in the Light that setteth not, by whose illumination the clouds of barbarism were cleared away, diseases dispersed, and the demons vanquished.

Verse 4. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel trust in the Lord.

How strangely wondrous that, when the thrice-beatified Demetrios was pierced for Christ's sake, he was ever manifest as a sword of double edge to his enemies, reaping therewith the haughtiness of his enemies, and destroying the attacks of Satan. Wherefore, let us acclaim him, saying, O Saint Demetrios, fold us in thy protection, who celebrate thy ever-honored memory.

Verse 3. For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is abundant redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Thou hast become a tower of true worship, securely founded on the rock of faith, uncloven by temptations and unshaken by tribulations; for when the waves of atheism dashed against thee in a great torrent and tempest, they did not break down thy indomitable steadfastness; for thou didst desire to be adorned with the crown of martyrdom.

Verse 2. Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye people.

O fight-bearing Demetrios, having resembled in thy passion the enlivening Passion of Christ, thou didst receive from him the gift of wonder-working. Wherefore, thou dost save those who hasten to thee, saving them from many tribulations; for thou art, O glorious one, well favored by Christ, before whom thou standest all the day, full of glory.

Verse 1. For His mercy is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

By the shedding of thy blood, O Demetrios, thou didst come before the life-giving Christ, who shed his own precious blood for thy sake, making thee a partaker in his glory and his kingdom, since thou didst prevail over the iniquitous ones, annulling all his evil wiles.

DOXASTICON FOR ST. DEMETRIOS IN TONE SIX

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Today doth the general assembly of the fight-bearing ones call us. Hasten ye, therefore, O feast-lovers, let us celebrate his memory in joy, saying, Hail to thee, who didst tear the robe of falsehood bravely, putting on the Spirit. Hail to thee who didst annul the spite of the law-transgressors by the power granted thee by God alone. Hail to thee, whose members were pierced, depicting in the spirit the blessed Passion of Christ. Wherefore, O Demetrios, the comeliness of strugglers, beseech him to save us from our invisible enemies, and to save our souls.

THEOTOKION FOR THE EARTHQUAKE IN TONE TWO

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

We implore thee, O all-holy Lady, the help of the world and the hope of Christians, and seek of thee now, O good one, to plead with thy Son our Lord, O Theotokos, for us despairing sinners. For, thou art able to do so by using thy maternal privilege with Him. Hasten, O undefiled one, hasten, to mediate and save thy people from impending peril. And for the compassion of thy mercies, turn not away those who praise thee.

THE HOLY ENTRANCE

(While the Doxasticon is chanted, the following dialogue occurs QUIETLY as the clergy make the entrance.)

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: In the evening and in the morning and at noonday we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we give thanks unto Thee, and we pray unto Thee, O Master of all, Lord Who lovest mankind: Direct our prayer as incense before Thee, and incline not our hearts unto words or thoughts of evil, but deliver us from all who seek after our souls. For unto Thee, O Lord, Lord, are our eyes, and in Thee have we hoped. Put us not to shame, O our God. For unto Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Deacon: Amen.

(When the clergy reach the center of the soleia, the first part of the great censuring begins. After the first part of the great censuring is completed, this next dialogue occurs QUIETLY.)

Deacon: Bless, father, the Holy Entrance.

Priest: Blessed is the entrance to Thy Holy Place, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(After the choir has finished, the following is said ALOUD.)

Deacon: Wisdom! Let us attend!

O GLADSOME LIGHT

Choir: O gladsome Light of the holy glory of the Father Immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. In that we now are come unto the setting of the sun and behold the light of evening, we hymn Thee: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God. For meet it is that at all times Thou shouldst be magnified by voices holy. O Son of God, Who bestowest life; for which cause all the world doth glorify Thee.

Deacon: The Evening Prokeimenon!

- *Now sing the day's set Prokeimenon. If this Feast falls on a Sunday, consult the Weekend Service Texts page: http://www.antiochianladiocese.org/service_texts_weekends.html.*

SUNDAY PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT

Choir: Behold now, bless the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord. (TWICE)

Verse. Ye who stand in the temple of the Lord, in the courts of the House of our God!

Choir: Behold now, bless the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord.

MONDAY PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

Choir: The Lord will hear me, when I cry unto Him. (TWICE)

Verse. When I called upon Thee, O God of my righteousness, Thou didst hearken unto me!

Choir: The Lord will hear me, when I cry unto Him.

TUESDAY PROKEIMENON IN TONE ONE

Choir: Thy mercy, O Lord, shall follow me all the days of my life. (TWICE)

Verse. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He makes me to lie down in green pastures!

Choir: Thy mercy, O Lord, shall follow me all the days of my life.

WEDNESDAY PROKEIMENON IN TONE FIVE

Choir: Save me, O God, by Thy Name, and judge me by Thy strength. (TWICE)

Verse. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth!

Choir: Save me, O God, by Thy Name, and judge me by Thy strength.

THURSDAY PROKEIMENON IN TONE SIX

Choir: My help cometh from the Lord, Who hath made heaven and earth. (TWICE)

Verse. I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where my help will come!

Choir: My help cometh from the Lord, Who hath made heaven and earth.

FRIDAY PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

Choir: Thou, O God, art my helper, and Thy mercy shall go before me. (TWICE)

Verse. Deliver me from my enemies, O God, and deliver me from those who rise up against me!

Choir: Thou, O God, art my helper, and Thy mercy shall go before me.

THE OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES

The First Reading

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah (63:15-19; 64:1-5, 8-9).

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Turn from heaven, and look from Thy holy habitation and from Thy glory: where is Thy zeal and Thy strength? Where is the abundance of Thy mercy and of Thy compassions, that Thou hast withholden Thyself from us? For Thou art our Father; for though Abraham knew us not, and Israel did not acknowledge us, yet do Thou, O Lord, our Father, deliver us: Thy Name has been upon us from the beginning. Why hast Thou caused us to err, O Lord, from Thy way? And hast hardened our hearts, that we should not fear Thee? Return for Thy servants' sake, for the sake of the tribes of Thine inheritance, that we may inherit a small part of Thy holy mountain; our adversaries have trodden down Thy sanctuary. We are become as at the beginning, when Thou didst not rule over us, and Thy Name was not called upon us. If Thou wouldest open the heaven, trembling will take hold upon the mountains from Thee, and they shall melt, as wax melts before the fire; and fire shall burn up the enemies, and Thy Name shall be manifest among the adversaries: at Thy presence the nations shall be troubled, whenever Thou shalt work gloriously; trembling from Thee shall take hold upon the mountains. From of old we have not heard, neither have our eyes seen a god beside Thee, and Thy works are true; and Thou wilt perform to them that wait for mercy. For these blessings shall happen to them that work righteousness, and they shall remember Thy ways. And now, O Lord, Thou art our Fashioner, all of us the work of Thy hands. Be not very wroth with us, and remember not our sins for ever; but now look on us, for we are all Thy people.

The Second Reading

Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Thus saith the Lord: I remember the kindness of thy youth, and the love of thine espousals, in following the Holy One of Israel; and the first-fruits of his increase is the Lord's: all that devoured him shall offend; evils shall come upon them, saith the Lord. Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and every family of the house of Israel. Thus saith the Lord, What trespass have your fathers found in Me, that they have departed far from Me, and gone after vanities, and become vain? And they said not: Where is the Lord, Who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, Who guided us in the wilderness, in an untried and trackless land, in a land unwatered and barren, and in the shadow of death, in a land which no man at all went through, and no man dwelt there? And I brought you to Carmel, that you should eat the fruits thereof, and the good thereof; and you went in, and defiled My land, and made My heritage an abomination. The priests said not: Where is the Lord? And they that held by the law knew Me not: the

shepherds also sinned against Me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after that which profited not. Therefore I will yet plead with you, saith the Lord, and will plead with your children's children. For go to the isles of Cyprus and see; and send to Kedar, and observe accurately, and see if such things have been done; if the nations will change their gods, though they are not gods: but My people have changed their glory, for that from which they shall not be profited. The heaven is amazed at this, and is very exceedingly horror-struck, saith the Lord.

The Third Reading

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Wisdom of Solomon (3:1-9).

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction. But they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet their hope is full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded. For God proved them and found them worthy of Himself. As gold in the furnace hath He tried them and received them as a burnt offering. And in the time of their visitation, they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. They shall judge the nations and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign forever. They that put their trust in Him shall understand the truth; and such as be faithful in love shall abide with Him. For grace and mercy is to His saints, and He cares for His elect.

THE LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION

Deacon: Let us say with our whole soul, and with our whole mind, let us say.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: O Lord Almighty, the God of our Fathers, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Again we pray for our father and Metropolitan PHILIP, and for our Archbishop JOSEPH.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Again we pray for our brethren: the priests, hieromonks, deacons, hierodeacons and monastics and all our brotherhood in Christ.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and visitation and pardon and remission of sins for (the servants of God, [Names], and) all Orthodox Christians of true worship, who live and dwell in this community.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church and (for the departed servants of God, [Names], and) all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple, those who serve and those who sing, and for all the people here present, who await Thy great and rich mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Priest: For Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE EVENING PRAYER

People: Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever. Amen.

Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord; teach me Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Master; make me to understand Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Holy One; enlighten me with Thy statutes.

Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. O despise not the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

Deacon: Let us complete our evening prayer unto the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That the whole evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: All things good and profitable for our souls and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful, and a good defense before the fearful judgment seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints: let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For Thou art a good God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE PEACE

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

- *All bow their heads as the priest says the following prayer:*

Priest: O Lord our God, Who didst bow the heavens and come down for the salvation of mankind: Look upon Thy servants and Thine inheritance; for unto Thee, the fearful Judge Who yet lovest mankind, have Thy servants bowed their heads and submissively inclined their necks, awaiting not help from men but entreating Thy mercy and looking confidently for Thy salvation. Guard them at all times, both during this present evening and in the approaching night, from every foe, from all adverse powers of the devil, and from vain thoughts and from evil imaginations.

Blessed and glorified be the might of Thy kingdom: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

- *If your parish will offer “The Service of the Lita and Artoklasia,” it is performed here.*

APOSTICHA FOR THE EARTHQUAKE

In Tone Two

When the earth trembled because of the fear of Thy wrath, O Lord, the hills and mountains shook. Wherefore, as Thou lookest down upon us with Thine eyes of compassion, be not indignant with us in Thy wrath, but have compassion on the creation of Thy hands, and deliver us from the fearful threat of earthquakes, for Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

In Tone Six

Verse 1. Thou madest the earth to quake and didst trouble it.

Awesome art Thou, O Lord; who can bear Thy just wrath? Who shall beseech Thee, or who shall implore Thee, O good One, on behalf of a despairing and sinful people? Verily, the heavenly myriads, the angels, principalities, authorities, thrones, dominions, the cherubim and seraphim cry to Thee for our sakes: Holy, holy, holy art Thou, O Lord! Turn not away, O good One, from the works of Thy hands; but by the compassion of Thy mercies save thy flock threatened with danger.

Verse 2. He looketh upon the earth and maketh it tremble.

The people of Nineveh, because of their transgressions, heard of the threat of the earthquake. But by means of the sign of the whale, which made clear to them the Resurrection, they were called to repentance through Jonah. Wherefore, as Thou didst hearken to them, hearken also to the cries of Thy people, with the infants and animals, spare us who are chastised, and have mercy upon us through Thy third-day Resurrection.

DOXASTICON FOR ST. DEMETRIOS IN TONE EIGHT

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Thy divine and blameless soul, O Demetrios of ever-constant memory, hath heavenly Jerusalem for its abode, whose walls were ordained by the hands of the invisible God. But thine all-honored body, having struggled exceedingly, hath on earth this renowned temple, a treasure-house of miracles that cannot be robbed, a healing for afflictions to which the afflicted flock receives healing. Wherefore, O all-extolled one, preserve the city which doth magnify thee from the attacks adversaries; for thou art favored by Christ who did glorify thee.

THEOTOKION IN TONE EIGHT

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

O Virgin without groom, blameless one, Mother of the high God; O thou who didst conceive in the flesh in an inexplicable way, receive the petitions of thy servants, O thou who bestowest on all the purification of sins; and in receiving our petitions beseech thou Him for the salvation of us all.

THE HYMN OF ST. SIMEON THE GOD-RECEIVER

Choir: Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

THE TRISAGION PRAYERS

- People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (THRICE)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.
All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.
Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- Priest: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.
- Choir: Amen.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. DEMETRIOS THE MYRRH-STREAMING IN TONE THREE

Verily, the inhabited world found thee a great help in tribulations and a vanquisher of nations, O victorious one. Wherefore, as thou didst demolish the arrogance of Lyaeus, and on the battlefield didst hearten Nestor, O Saint Demetrios, beseech Christ God to grant us the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE EARTHQUAKE IN TONE EIGHT

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.
O Thou Who didst look upon the earth and make it tremble, deliver us from the fearful threat of earthquake, O Christ our God, and send upon us Thy rich mercies through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou only Lover of mankind.

THE DISMISSAL

- Deacon: Wisdom!
- Choir: Father, bless!
- Priest: Christ our God, the Existing One, is blessed, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.
- Choir: Amen. Preserve, O God, the holy Orthodox faith and all Orthodox Christians, unto ages of ages. Amen.
- Priest: Most holy Theotokos, save us.
- Choir: More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, thou who without corruption bearest God the Word and art truly Theotokos: we magnify thee.
- Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee.

Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy (*thrice*). Father, bless.

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; *of Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community*; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of the holy, glorious, and right-victorious Great-Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-Streaming; and the Venerable-martyr Joasaph of Dionysiou monastery on Athos, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Priest: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

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