

# Stichera at the "Lord, I Call"

Greatmartyr Demetrius the Myrrhusher of Thessalonica - October 26

Tone 2

Sticheron 1

Optina Monastery Chant  
Model melody: "Joseph of Arimathea"

Soprano  
Alto

Glo - rious mar - tyr De - me - tri - us,

Tenor  
Bass

thou dost ever enlighten thy native land like a ra - di - ant star,

protecting it from destruction by the en - e - my,

delivering it from misery and eve - ry storm.

[Therefore, O blessed. . .]

There-fore, O bless - ed one, it offers thee praise with joy,

keeping thine annual commemo - ra - tion, sing - ing

hymns with faith and love — to the Lord // Who has

glo - ri - fied thee. *[Repeat]*

Sticheron 2

Ho - ly De - me - tri - us, martyr and passion -

[(passion)-bearer of Christ,]

bear - er of Christ, thou dost en - light - en the world, like a

sun, with mir - a - cles. There - fore on the day of thy me-

mo - ri - al, we all delight in thy wonders,

O bless - ed one, as we keep the feast in faith.

Since thou hast boldness be - fore the Lord, // entreat Him to

[save thy servants . . .]

save thy servants from corruption and trib - u - la - tions!

Sticheron 2

Thy side was pierced by spears for the

sake of the Sav - ior, Whose side was pierced on the

Cross, for with love thou didst imitate Him in thy wounds,

show - ing to all the steadfastness of thy wit - ness,

[O passion-bearer Demetrius.]

O passion-bearer De-me - tri - us. Therefore the tyrant fell

wound - ed, receiving the shaft of thy con-

fes - sion, // O — ath - lete of Christ.