Divine Liturgy, October 26

The holy and great martyr Demetrius. Born in Salonica of devout parents, he was a much-longed-for only child. Because of his he received an excellent education. Like his father, Demetrius became a soldier in the Roman army. The emperor Maximian appointed him to persecute the Christians in Salonica, but Demetrius confessed his faith and preached Christ. He was cruelly martyred for his witness to the Lord. Since earliest times, he has been regarded as a wonderworker and powerful intercessor. (305)

Hymn

melody: Kingsfold

1. De - me - tri - us, Christ's mar - tyr great, You shine like star so bright:
   Pres -erve us all from e-vil's strength And from the dev-il's might.
   Your wit - ness for the Lord re - calls His Pas - sion for our sake;
   And fills us all with joy, and helps Us, too, our cross to take.

2. Like Christ, a spear once pierced your side, Like Him, you once were slain,
   And now with Christ, in heav-en's height, En - throned, with Him you reign.
   Teach us to fol - low Christ our Lord Not count-ing price too steep;
   Help us to wit - ness, day by day, To all of Love so deep.

3. As you in-hab - it heav-en now, So draw us all to you,
   That dai - ly liv - ing Christ - ian lives God's grace shall us re - new.
   Give praise to God the Trin - i - ty: To Fa - ther and to Son
   And to the Ho - ly Spir - it, Lord, E - ter - nal Three - in - One.
Troparion - Tone 3

O martyr, the world has seen you as a defender of those imperiled and a conqueror of the nations. In cutting down the arrogance of Leo, you bolstered Nestor by your courage. O holy Demetrius, pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Cantor

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion - Tone 2

God endowed you with an invincible power and tinged the Church with your blood, O Demetrius. He also
covers your city with love, for you are its foundation.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2)

The just man will rejoice in the Lord, rejoice in the Lord

and will put his trust in him.

Verse: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13,14):

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.
Verse: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembered forever; evil news he

will not fear, evil news he will not fear. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Al-le-lu-ia!