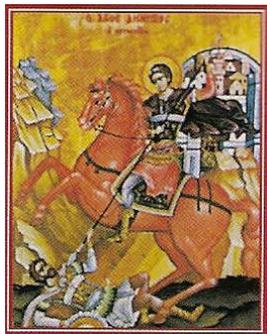


# October 26

## B. ✝ Holy and Glorious Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-gusher



Born in Salonika (or Thessalonica), after the death of his father, he became governor of the city. Moved with zeal for the Christian faith, he began to openly preach the name of Christ and to teach the true faith to the inhabitants of Salonika worshipping idols. For this Emperor Maximilian commanded that St. Demetrius be imprisoned where he blessed St. Nestor for his martyr's asceticism (see Oct. 27) and then was pierced by spears in the year 306. Soon after his demise his faithful servant St. Lupus (see Aug. 23) was beheaded for his confession of Christ. The relics of St. Demetrius, exuding healing and fragrant myrrh, were found after a little bit of time during the digging of trenches for a new church. In church hymns St. Demetrius is praised as the "Ornament of Martyrs", "Defender of kings", "Co-Champion of warriors", "Consumer of enemies", "Enricher of the poor", "and Haven for those fleeing to him".

### *Troparion, tone 3*

**The whole world found you a mighty champion in dangers,  
O Passion-bearer who routs the nations.  
Therefore as you destroyed the pride of Lyaios  
By giving Nestor boldness for the ordeal in the stadium;  
In the same way, O Saint Demetrius,  
Pray to Christ God, to grant us great mercy.**

### *Kontakion, tone 2*

**With streams of your blood, O Demetrius,  
The God, who gives you invincible might,  
Has dyed the Church in purple,  
And keeps your City unharmed:  
For you are its foundation.**

**Paramoia:** 1) Is. 63:15-19; 64:1-5, 8-9; 2) Jer. 2:2-12; 3) Wis. 4:7-15.  
**Matins Gospel:** See Feb. 4. **Epistle:** see Jan. 3. **Gospel:** see Apr. 23.

**If the rector chooses, we may do a Vigil.**

*Commemoration of the Great and Terrible Quake* (i.e. earthquake) that occurred in Constantinople on October 26, 740.

*Troparion, tone 8*

**O Christ our God, Who looks upon the earth and makes it tremble,  
Deliver us from the dread threat of earthquakes,  
And send down upon us Your rich mercies,  
And save us through the prayers of the Theotokos.**

*Kontakion, tone 6*

**O Lord, deliver us all from upheaval,  
And from terrible afflictions caused by our sins;  
O Lord, spare our Orthodox Emperor and your people,  
Whom You have purchased with Your blood, O Master;  
And deliver not Your city to destruction by terrible earthquakes,  
For we know no other God than You,  
And answer those who cry out to You:  
I am with you, and none will be against you.**

**Epistle:** see March 9. **Gospel:** Mt. 8:23-27; sel. 27.

**If the memory of the Holy Great Martyr Demetrius of Thessalonica and "the commemoration of the quake" fall on a Sunday, the Gospel (from Mt. sel. 27) for the quake should be read first in the Liturgy, then the gospel "under the pericope" in the "order" for the Sunday and then (from Jn. sel. 52) "the Gospel for the Saint" (Voronezhskiiia Eparkh. Ved. [Voronezh Diocesan News], 1887, 14).**

*Ven. Athanasius of Medikion*, co-ascetic with Ven. Nicetas the Confessor (Apr. 3), from youth practiced asceticism as a monk in the Medikion Monastery. He died in 814.

*Ven. Martyr Joasaph* was a disciple of the Constantinopolitan Patriarch St. Niphon (Aug. 11) whom he imitated in the holy life. For preaching Christ he was beheaded by the Turks in Constantinople in 1536.

*Ven. Demetrius of Basarabove* practiced asceticism in a hermitage. He died in 1685. His relics were at first placed in the Basarabove Village, Trnovo Diocese, Bulgaria and then in 1779 were transferred to Bucharest.

*S. V. Bulgakov, Handbook for Church Server, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900) pp. 0389b-0390  
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