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**Saturday Weekly Bulletin  
OCTOBER 26**

**Holy and Glorious Greatmartyr Demetrius the  
Myrrhusher of Thessalonica Commemoration of the  
Great Earthquake at Constantinople in 740 A.D.**

**Service schedule**

Saturday 9.00 am 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hour 9.30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship

**Sunday** 9.00am 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hour

9.30am Reader Service followed by Fellowship

Tone 3 Troparion (St. Demetrius)

The world has found thee to be a great defense against tribulation And a vanquisher of heathens, O Passion-bearer. As thou didst bolster the courage of Nestor, Who then humbled the arrogance of Lyaios in battle, // Holy Demetrius, entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy!

Tone 8 Troparion (Earthquake)

O Christ our God, Who lookest upon the earth and it trembles; Deliver us from the terrible threat of earthquake; // And through the prayers of the Theotokos, send down upon us Thine abundant mercy and save us!

Troparion You were bound for good deeds....Glory to the Father and the Son and the holy spirit.

Tone 2 Kontakion (St. Demetrius) God, Who has given thee invincible might, Has tinged the Church with streams of thy blood, Demetrius. He preserves thy city from harm, // For thou art its foundation.

Tone 6 Kontakion (Earthquake) Deliver us all from upheavals, and from terrible afflictions caused by our sins, O Lord, And spare Thy people whom Thou hast purchased with Thy blood, O Master! Do not deliver Thy city to destruction by terrible earthquakes, For we know no other God but Thee; And to those who cry out Thou dost respond: // "I am with you, and no one will be against you."

Kontakion of Saint George: God raised you .... Now and ever

Kontakion Tone 6 Steadfast protectors of Christians, constant Advocate before The creator; despise Not the Entreating cries of Us sinners, but in your goodness Come speedily to Help us Who Call on You in faith. Hasten to hear our petition, And to Intercede For us, O Theotokos, for you Always protect those Who honor you

Tone 6 Prokeimenon (Earthquake)

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance!

V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (St. Demetrius)

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, /and shall hope in Him.

Epistle (331-ctr) Hebrews 12:6-13, 25-27 (Earthquake)

(292) 2 Timothy 2:1-10 (St. Demetrius)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. O God, Thou hast cast us off, Thou hast scattered us.

V. Thou hast made the earth to tremble, Thou hast broken it; heal its breaches, for it has been shaken! (Ps. 59:2)

V. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Gospel (27) Matthew 8:23-27 (Earthquake) (52) John 15:17-16:2 (St. Demetrius)

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil Tidings! (Ps. 111:6)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Church announcements

Save the dates:

November 2 & 9 – Church cleanup days

November 23 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Festival

December 6- Decorating of Church and tree

December 7 – Saint Nicholas party / Potluck

Asking for volunteers – See any council-member

Details to follow regarding the events.

Donations greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Parish Council of St. George

Commemoration of the Great Earthquake at Constantinople  
Commemorated on October 26

In 740, at the time of the iconoclast emperor Leo the Isaurian, there was a terrible earthquake at Constantinople. Seeing this as God's just punishment for their sins, the people repented and prayed to the Most Holy Theotokos and to Saint Demetrius to help them. God had mercy on them, and the earthquake stopped.

Holy, Glorious Demetrios the Myrrh-gusher of Thessaloniki  
The Great Martyr Demetrios (Dēmétrios) the Myrrh-gusher of Thessaloniki was the son of a Roman proconsul in Thessaloniki. Three centuries had elapsed and Roman paganism, spiritually shattered and defeated by the multitude of martyrs and confessors of the Savior, intensified its persecutions.

During the Middle Ages, he came to be revered as one of the most important Orthodox military saints, often paired with Saint George of Lydda. His feast day is 26 October for Eastern Orthodox Christians, which falls on 8 November [NS, "new style"] for those following the old calendar. In the Roman Catholic Church he is most commonly called "Demetrius of Sermium" and his memorial is 9 April in the 2004 Roman Martyrology and 8 October in the martyrology of the Extraordinary Form.

May God bless you all !