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At Lord, I Have Cried:

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Stichos: Bring my soul out of prison, that I may confess Thy name.

Gaining the victory over hades, / Thou didst ascend the Cross / that Thou mightest raise up with Thyself them that sit in the darkness of death; / O Christ Who art free among the dead, / O Almighty Saviour, Who pourest forth light from Thy light, / have mercy upon us.

Stichos: The righteous shall wait patiently for me, until Thou shalt reward me.

Today hath Christ risen as He said, / Having trampled down death, / and He hath granted joy to the world, / that we all crying out, may thus utter a hymn: / O Almighty Saviour, well-spring of light, unapproachable Light, / have mercy upon us.

Stichos: Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord, / O Lord, hear my voice.

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Whither can we sinners escape / from Thee Who art over all creation, O Lord? / Thou dwellest Thyself in heaven. / in hades Thou didst trample down death./ In the depths of the sea there is Thy hand, O Master. / To Thee do we flee / and falling down before Thee, we pray: / O Thou Who art risen from the dead, / have mercy upon us.

Stichos: Let Thine ears be attentive, / to the voice of my supplication.

In Thy Cross do we boast, O Christ, / and we hymn and glorify Thy Resurrection;/ for Thou art our God; / we know none other than Thee.

Stichos: If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand? / For with Thee there is forgiveness.

Continuously blessing the Lord / we hymn His Resurrection; / for having endured the Cross, / He destroyed death by death.

Stichos: For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath patiently waited for Thy word, / My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Glory to Thy power, O Lord, / for Thou didst set at naught him who hath the might of death; / by Thy Cross hast Thou renewed us, / granting us life and incorruption.

Stichos: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, / Let Israel hope in the Lord.

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O Glorious martyr Demetrius, / like a radiant star dost thou ever illumine thy native land; / for thou dost ever protect it from the destruction wrought by the foe, / and dost deliver it from misery and every tempest. / Wherefore, O blessed one, / it doth joyously offer praise unto thee, / celebrating thine annual commemoration, / hymning with faith and love // the Lord Who hath glorified thee.

Stichos: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption; / And He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

O martyr and passion-bearer of Christ, holy Demetrius, / thou dost illumine the world with miracles like the sun. / Wherefore, on the day of thy commemoration / we all delight in thy wonders, O blessed one, / keeping festival with faith. / Thus, as thou hast boldness before the Lord, / beseech Him to save thy servants // from corruption and tribulations.

Stichos: O praise the Lord, all ye nations; / Praise Him all ye peoples.

Thy side was pierced by spears for the sake of the Savior / Whose side was pierced on the Cross; / for with love didst thou emulate Him in thy wounds, / O passion-bearer Demetrius, / revealing unto all the steadfastness of thy witness. / Wherefore the tyrant fell wounded, / receiving the shaft of thy confession, // O athlete of Christ.

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Stichos: For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us, / And the truth of the Lord abideth forever.

O most glorious wonder! / Today, on the commemoration of the martyr Demetrius, / joy hath shone forth in heaven and on earth. / He is crowned with praises by the angels / and receiveth hymns from men. / O, how he suffered! / How well he fought the fight! / Thereby was the evil foe brought low // when Christ vanquished him.

Glory … Tone 6:

Tone 6: Today the universal festival of the passion- bearer doth call us together. / Come, then, O ye who love the feast of the Church, / and let us radiantly celebrate his commemoration, saying: / Rejoice, thou who didst rend the robe of ungodliness with faith / and didst clothe thyself in manliness of spirit! / Rejoice, thou who didst wreck the schemes of the alien one / with the might given thee by the one God! / Rejoice, thou who in thy pierced limbs / didst spiritually portray the suffering of Christ for us! / Him do thou entreat, O Demetrius, adornment of athletes, / that we be delivered from enemies, visible and invisible, // and that our souls be saved!

Both now … Tone 6:

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Dogmatic Theotokion, Tone 6:

Who doth not call thee blessed, O all-holy Virgin? / Who will not hymn thine all-pure birth giving? / For the only-begotten Son, Who shone forth timelessly from the Father, / came forth ineffably incarnate from thee, the pure one; / and being God by nature / He became man for our sake / not divided into two persons, / but known in two natures without confusion. / Him do thou beseech, O pure and most blessed one, / that our souls find mercy.

The prokimenon for Vespers:

Deacon: Let us attend!

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Deacon: Wisdom! Let us attend!

On Saturday evenings, in tone 6:

Reader: The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty.

Deacon: Wisdom.

Reader: The Reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

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

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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 has 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. 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 which thou wilt perform to them that wait for mercy. For these blessings shall happen to them

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that work righteousness, and they shall remember thy ways. And now, O Lord, thou art our Father, and we are clay, all of us the work of thine 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.

Deacon: Wisdom.

Reader: The Reading is from the Prophecy of Jeremiah.

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," saith the Lord, Israel was the holy people to the Lord, and the first-fruits of his increase: "All who 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 revolted far from me, and gone after vanities, and become vain? And they said not, 'Where is the Lord, who brought

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us up out of the land of Egypt, who guided us in the wilderness, in an untried and trackless land, in a land which no man at all went through, and no man dwelt there?' And I brought you to Carmel, that ye should eat the fruits thereof, and the good thereof; and ye went in, and defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination. The priest 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, and will plead with your children's children. For go to the isles of Kittim, 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 heavens are amazed at this, and are sore stricken with horror, saith the Lord.

Deacon: **Wisdom.**

Reader: The Reading is from the Wisdom of Solomon.

Deacon: **Let us attend.** **Continued on next page**

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Reader: Though the righteous be prevented with death, yet shall he be in rest. For honorable age is not that which standeth in length of time, nor that is measured by number of years. But wisdom is the grey hair unto men, and an unspotted life is old age. He pleased God, and was beloved of Him: so that living among sinners he was translated. Yea, speedily was he taken away, lest that wickedness should alter his understanding, or deceit beguile his soul. For the bewitching of naughtiness doth obscure things that are honest; and the wandering of concupiscence doth undermine the simple mind. He, being made perfect in a short time, fulfilled a long time: for his soul pleased the Lord: therefore hasted He to take him away from among the wicked. This the people saw, and understood naught, neither laid they up this in their minds, that His grace and mercy is with His servants, and that He hath respect unto His chosen.

Aposticha

The Aposticha, tone 6:

The angels hymn Thy Resurrection in the heavens, / O Christ, Saviour, / and do Thou vouchsafe that we on earth/ may glorify Thee with a pure heart.

Stichos: The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty. Having broken down the gates of bronze / and shattered the chains of hades, / as God Almighty, / Thou didst raise up the fallen human race. / wherefore, we cry out together: / O Lord Who art risen from the dead, / glory be to Thee!

Stichos: For He hath established the world which shall not be shaken.

Desiring to lift us up from our ancient corruption, / Christ was nailed to the Cross and laid in the tomb; / And with tears the myrrh-bearing women sought Him, and weeping they said: / Alas, O Saviour of all, / how is it that Thou hast willed to make Thine abode in a tomb? / and having desired to dwell there / How is it that Thou hast been stolen away? / How hast Thou been moved? / What place hideth Thy life-bearing body? / yet, as Thou hast promised, / reveal Thyself to us, O Master, / and take from us the lamentation of tears. / ans as they were weeping, an angel cried out to them: / Cease your weeping! / tell the apostles that the Lord is risen, / granting purification and great mercy to the world.

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Stichos: Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.

O Christ, Who wast crucified as Thou didst desire, / and madest death captive by Thy burial,/ Thou didst rise on the third day as God in glory, / granting the world never-ending life and great mercy.

Glory … Tone8

Tone 8: O ever-memorable Demetrius, / thy most blessed and immaculate soul / hath the heavenly Jerusalem as a dwelling place, / whose walls have been adorned by the all-pure hands of the invisible God. / And on earth thy most eminent temple / doth possess thy most precious and much-suffering body / as an inviolate treasury of miracles, /a medicine for infirmities; / and having recourse thereto we draw forth healings. / O all-praised one, from the assaults of the adversary / preserve this city which magnifieth thee, / for thou hast boldness before Christ, // Who hath glorified thee.

Both now …

Theotokion, tone 8:

O unwedded Virgin who ineffably conceived God in the flesh, / Mother of God most High: / Accept the entreaties of thy servants, O most immaculate one, / Granting unto all cleansing of transgressions; / And accepting now our supplication, // Pray that we all be saved.

Troparion & Theotokian of the Day

Resurrectional troparion, tone 6:

Angelic Hosts were above Thy tomb, / and they that guarded Thee became as dead,/ and Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. / Thou didst despoil hades and wast not tempted by it./ Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. / O Thou Who didst rise from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Glory …

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Troparion of the Martyr, Tone 3 :

The whole world hath found thee to be a great champion amid misfortunes, / who conquered the pagans, O passion-bearer. / Therefore, as thou didst cast down the pride of Lyaeus / and didst appoint the bold Nestor for the struggle, / thus, O Demetrius, beseech Christ God // to grant us great mercy.

Both now ...

Theotokion, Tone: 6

Calling Thy Mother blessed, / Thou didst come to the Passion of Thine own will, / shining forth upon the Cross, / and desiring to seek out Adam, Thou didst say unto the angels: / Rejoice with Me, for the lost coin hath been found! / O our God Who hast wisely arranged all things, glory to Thee!