**Order of Services for Sunday, October 26, 2025**

20th Sunday after Pentecost (5th of Luke)

Holy and Glorious Greatmartyr Demetrius the Myrrhgusher of Thessalonica

Commemoration of the Great Earthquake at Constantinople in 740 A.D.

*NOTE: The rubrics presented below are the commonly accepted order. However, practices may vary with local practices or dioceses. The ruling bishop should be consulted for any specific questions regarding the accepted order of services.*

*NOTE: Bracketed items are commonly omitted in parish practice.*

**Vigil**

**(*Great Vespers at a Vigil)***

*(If Great Vespers is served alone, not at a Vigil, begin with the Typical Beginning, which can be found at* [*https://www.oca.org/liturgics/rubrics/horologion*](https://www.oca.org/liturgics/rubrics/horologion)*.)*

*Priest:* “Glory to the holy consubstantial…”

“Amen. Come, let us worship…”

Psalm 103/104

Great Litany

[First Kathisma, or] “Blessed is the Man…”

Little Litany

Lord, I Call, Tone 3 (Ps. 140/141)

3 stichera of the Resurrection, Tone 3

3 stichera of the Earthquake, Tone 2 and Tone 6

4 stichera of St. Demetrius, Tone 2 and Tone 8

Glory… St. Demetrius, Tone 6

Now and ever… Dogmatic Theotokion, Tone 3

Gladsome Light

Saturday Evening Prokeimenon, “The Lord is King…”

Old Testament Readings

Composite 16 *(Isaiah 63:15-64:5, 8-9)*

 Jeremiah 2:2-12

Wisdom 4:7-15

Augmented Litany

“Vouchsafe, O Lord…”

Evening Litany

[Litya]

 [1 sticheron of the Patron Saint of the Church]

 [Stichera of St. Demetrius, Tone 1 and Tone 2]

 [Glory… St. Demetrius, Tone 5]

 {Now and ever… Theotokion, Tone 5]

Aposticha

Resurrectional Stichera, Tone 3

 Glory… St. Demetrius, Tone 8

Now and ever… Resurrectional Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 8

“Lord, Now Lettest…”

Trisagion Prayers

*Concluding Troparia and Dismissal:*

*If a Vigil is Served:*

“Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos…” (2x)

Troparion of St. Demetrius, Tone 3

 [Blessing of the Loaves]

 “Blessed be the Name…” (3x)

 [Psalm 33/34:1-10]

 *Priest:* “The blessing of the Lord…”

 “Amen.” *And begin Matins with the Six Psalms, as outlined below.*

*Or, if Great Vespers alone is served:*

Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 3

Glory… Troparion of St. Demetrius, Tone 3

Now and ever… Troparion of the Earthquake, Tone 8

 Vespers Dismissal

**(*Sunday Matins at a Vigil*)**

*(If Matins is served alone, begin with the Typical Beginning, which can be found at* [*https://www.oca.org/liturgics/rubrics/horologion*](https://www.oca.org/liturgics/rubrics/horologion)*.)*

Six Psalms

Great Litany

“God is the Lord…,” Tone 3

Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 3 [(2x)]

Glory… Troparion of St. Demetrius, Tone 3

Now and ever… Troparion of the Earthquake, Tone 8

[Kathisma 2]

[Little Litany]

[Kathisma Hymns from the Octoechos, Tone 3]

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[Little Litany]

[Kathisma Hymns from the Octoechos, Tone 3]

Polyeleos

Magnification

Evlogitaria: “Blessed art Thou, O Lord…”

Little Litany

[Ypakoe]

[Kathisma Hymns of St. Demetrius, from after the Kathismas and the Polyeleos, Tone 4 and Tone 8]

[Hymn of Degrees, Tone 3]

Prokeimenon, Tone 3: “Say among the nations that the Lord is King…”

“Let everything that breathes…”

Gospel: (65) John 20:19-31

“Having Beheld the Resurrection…”

Psalm 50

Post-Gospel Stichera

Prayer of Intercession, “O God, save Thy people…”

Canons *(NOTE: in common parish practice, after the Irmos, only two troparia from each Canon are used. Before the final troparion, “Glory… now and ever…” is used as the refrain.)*

 **Irmos:** Resurrection, Tone 3

 Refrain: “Glory to Thy holy Resurrection, O Lord!”

3 additional troparia from the Canon of the Resurrection, Tone 3

 Refrain: “Glory to Thy holy Resurrection, O Lord!”

 4 troparia from the Canon of the Earthquake, Tone 6

 Refrain: “Have mercy on us, O God, have mercy on us!”

 3 troparia from the 1st Canon of St. Demetrius, Tone 4

 Refrain: “O holy Greatmartyr Demetrius, pray to God for us!”

 3 troparia from the 2nd Canon of St. Demetrius, Tone 8

 Refrain: “O holy Greatmartyr Demetrius, pray to God for us!”

 **Katavasia:** “I shall open my mouth…”, Tone 4

*[After the Third Ode:]*

[Little Litany]

[Kontakion of St. Demetrius, Tone 2]

[Ikos of St. Demetrius]

[Kathisma Hymns]

 [St. Demetrius, Tone 4 (2x)]

 [Glory… now and ever… Earthquake, Tone 4]

*After the Sixth Ode:*

[Little Litany]

Kontakion of the Resurrection, Tone 3

Ikos of the Resurrection

*After the Eighth Ode:*

The Magnificat is sung

*After the Magnificat, continue with the Ninth Ode.*

Little Litany

“Holy is the Lord…”, Tone 3

Exapostilaria:

 9th Resurrectional Exapostilarion, Tone 2

 Glory… Exapostilarion of St. Demetrius, Tone 3

Now and ever… Exapostilarion of the Earthquake, Tone 3

Psalms 148-150: “Let everything that breathes…” Tone 3

 4 stichera of the Resurrection, Tone 3

 4 stichera of St. Demetrius, including “Glory…” and verses taken from the Vespers Aposticha, Tone 4 and Tone 5

 Glory… 9th Gospel Sticheron, Tone 5

Now and ever… “Thou art most blessed…”, Tone 2

Great Doxology

“Today salvation…”

Augmented Litany

Morning Litany

Matins Dismissal

*NOTE: The First Hour follows immediately. A small dismissal concludes the First Hour. See below for the Troparion and Kontakion.*

**The Hours**

Troparia: Resurrection; Glory… Earthquake (1st and 6th Hours) or St. Demetrius (3rd and 9th Hours)

Kontakion: Earthquake (1st and 6th Hours) or St. Demetrius (3rd and 9th Hours)

**Divine Liturgy**

*NOTE: Listed below are only the variable portions of the Liturgy*

At the Beatitudes:

 4 troparia of the Resurrection, Tone 3

 4 troparia from Ode 3 of the Canon of the Earthquake, Tone 6

 4 troparia from Ode 6 of the 2nd Canon of St. Demetrius, Tone 8

Troparia and Kontakia:

 Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 3

 Troparion of the Earthquake, Tone 8

 Troparion of the Church (if of Theotokos)

 Troparion of St. Demetrius, Tone 3

 Kontakion of the Resurrection, Tone 3

 *If Church is of Theotokos:* Kontakion of the Earthquake

 Glory… Kontakion of St. Demetrius, Tone 2

Now and ever… Kontakion of the Earthquake, Tone 6

*But if Church is of Theotokos:* Now and ever… Kontakion of the Church

Trisagion

Prokeimenon: Earthquake, Tone 6: “O Lord, save Thy people…” and St. Demetrius, Tone 7: “The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord…”

Epistle: (331-ctr) Hebrews 12:6-13, 25-27 and (200) Galatians 1:11-19 *(read as one), then:* (292) 2 Timothy 2:1-10

Alleluia: Earthquake, Tone 4, and St. Demetrius, Tone 4

Gospel: (27) Matthew 8:23-27 and (83) Luke 16:19-31 *(read as one), then:* (52) John 15:17-16:2

Communion Hymn: “Praise the Lord from the heavens…” and “The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance…”

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