**NOVEMBER 8**

**Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the other Bodiless Powers: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salaphiel, Jegudiel, and Barachiel**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 4**

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!

Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon Thee!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Thy sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

Hear me, O Lord!

V. (8) *Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

**Tone 4** *(for Archangel Michael) (As one valiant among the martyrs)*

O Michael, the Chief Captain,

thou hast been revealed as the brightest attendant of the triply-radiant Godhead.

Together with the heavenly powers thou criest out with joy:

“Holy art Thou, O Father,

Holy art Thou, O Word, also without beginning,

Holy art Thou, O Holy Spirit:

one glory, one kingdom, one nature,//

one Godhead and power!”

V. (7) *Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

(Repeat: “O Michael, the Chief Captain…”)

V. (6) *If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

O Michael, first of Angels,

fiery is thine appearance and miraculous thy beauty!

Thou dost traverse creation by thine immaterial nature,

fulfilling the commands of the Creator of all.

By thy might thou art known as powerful,//

and thou hast made thy temple, honored by thy holy name, a source of healings.

V. (5) *For Thy Name’s sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

O Lord, Thou makest Thine angels spirits, as it is written,

and Thy ministers a flaming fire.

Thou, O Word, hast declared the Chief Captain Michael

as first among the ranks of Thine archangels:

He submits to Thy commands,//

and proclaims with fear the thrice-holy hymn to Thy glory.

V. (4) *From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

**Tone 4** *(for Archangel Gabriel) (Thou hast given a sign)*

The Eternal Wisdom established thee, O Gabriel,

as a second light reflecting things divine,

illumining the whole creation,

and revealing to us the divine mystery hidden from before the ages:

the bodiless One made flesh in a virgin womb//

and become Man that He might save mankind.

V. (3) *For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

(Repeat: “The Eternal Wisdom…”)

V. (2) *Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

Standing before the throne of the three-fold radiance of the Godhead,

brilliant with the splendors that unceasingly pour forth from It,

from the fog of passions free those of us on earth who praise thee with joy!

Illumine us, O Chief Captain Gabriel,//

thou intercessor for our souls!

V. (1) *For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

Destroy the wanton violence of Hagar’s sons—

the enemies who unceasingly attack thy flock;

heal the divisions of the Church,

calm the storm of unending temptations;

from danger and calamities deliver us who honor thee in love

and who hasten to thy protection, O Chief Captain Gabriel,//

thou intercessor for our souls!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 6** *(for Archangel Michael, by Byzantius)*

Rejoice with us, O Princes of the angelic Powers,

for your leader and our champion, the great Chief Captain,

gloriously appearing in his honored temple, sanctifies it!

Therefore, rightfully singing praises to him, we cry out:

“Save us under the protection of thy wings,//

O Michael, the greatest archangel!”

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 4** *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

The Prophet David was a father of the Lord

through thee, O Virgin.

He foretold in songs the One Who worked wonder in thee:

“At Thy right hand stood the Queen,”

Thy Mother, the mediatrix of life,

since God was freely born of her without a father.

He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion,

so He took the lost sheep upon His shoulder

and brought it to His Father,

joining it to the heavenly pow’rs.//

Christ, Who has great and rich mercy, has saved the world, O Theotokos.

**Old Testament Readings**

**Joshua 5:13-15**

**Judges 6:2, 7, 11-24**

**Isaiah 14:7-20**

**Litya**

*(If the rector desires the Litya, these stichera are sung)*

**Tone 1** *(by Cyprian)*

O chief captains of the spiritual hosts,

as you ever stand before the Master‘s throne,

pray to the Lord that He may grant peace to the world//

and great mercy to our souls!

**Tone 1** *(by Arsenius)*

O Michael, thou art the leader among the divine ranks,

and commander of the Powers on high.

As thou ever walkest with us all, preserving us from every assault of the devil,

today thou dost summon us to a feast.

Therefore, come, all who love Christ and the feasts of the Church,

take up the flowers of the virtues.

With pure thoughts and upright conscience,

let us honor the Archangels’ assembly;

for as they stand forever before God and chant the thrice-holy hymn,//

they pray that our souls may be saved!

**Tone 2** *(by the Studite)*

Supreme commanders who govern the bodiless nature of the spiritual hosts

and who illumine the whole universe with the rays of tri-luminary glory;

as you chant the thrice-holy hymn with untiring voices,//

pray that our souls may be saved!

**Tone 2** *(by Arsenius)*

Spiritual, divine and bodiless ones,

as you surround the immaterial throne,

you chant the thrice-holy hymn to God the Ruler with lips of flame:

“Holy God, the unoriginate Father!

Holy Mighty, the co-unoriginate Son!

Holy Immortal, the consubstantial Spirit,//

glorified together with the Father and the Son!”

**Tone 2** *(by Anatolius)*

With bodiless lips and spiritual mouths

the ranks of Angels offer unceasing hymns to Thine unapproachable divinity, O Lord,

and the pure intellects and ministers of Thy glory praise Thee, O Master.

With them, the bodiless Michael, supreme commander of the Powers on high,

and Gabriel, the most splendid in appearance,

have become our leaders today,

encouraging us to chant songs to Thy glory, O Lover of man,//

before which they also ceaselessly intercede for our souls.

**Tone 4** *(by Ephraim of Karia)*

Being enlightened by the rays from the divine Light,

O chief commanders,

you illuminate the orders of the immaterial ranks;

for, robed on high in white as dazzling as the light,

you kindle on earth the fire of the unapproachable Godhead;

therefore with fiery lips you ceaselessly sing the thrice-holy hymn://

“Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, our God; glory to Thee!”

**Tone 6**

Standing in awe around Thy throne of majesty,

forever illumined on high by the flood of light from Thee, O Christ,

Thine Angels, the singers and ministers of Thy counsel,

being sent forth by Thee,//

give enlightenment to our souls.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 4**

O Christ God, the Cherubim hymn Thee with lips of fire,

and the choir of Archangels ever glorifies Thee with bodiless mouths.

Michael, the Chief Captain of the Powers on high

unceasingly offers a victory hymn to Thy glory.

Today he lights our way to a radiant feast,

that with our earthly lips, fittingly using words of psalmody,

we may chant the thrice-holy hymn of praise;

for all things are filled with Thy praise,//

and through him Thou dost grant the world Thy great mercy.

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen*.

**Tone 4** *(for the Forefeast, by George of Nicomedia)*

Today the God-bearing Temple, the Theotokos,

is offered in the Temple of the Lord,

and Zachariah receives her.

Today the Holy of Holies exults,

and the choir of Angels mystically celebrates.

Today we celebrate with them and cry out with Gabriel://

“Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord Who has great mercy is with thee!”

**Aposticha**

**Tone 1** *(Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)*

As we in the world celebrate a festival like the Angels,

let us sing this hymn to God Who sits on the throne of glory:

“Holy art Thou, O heavenly Father,

Holy art Thou, O co-eternal Word,//

Holy art Thou, O all-Holy Spirit!”

V. *He makes His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire.* *(Ps. 103:5)*

O Michael, the Chief Captain,

first in boldness among the heavenly hosts,

who standest in glory before the fearsome throne,

witness of inexpressible things,

beset by calamities and temptations, we pray to thee://

“Save us by thine intercessions!”

V. *Praise Him, all His angels, praise Him, all His hosts! (Ps. 148:2)*

O Michael, the Chief Captain,

thou art first among the Bodiless Angels,

a minister of the divine Radiance, and a witness of the mysteries of God.

Save us who yearly honor thee with reverence,//

faithfully singing the praises of the Trinity!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 8** *(by John the Monk)*

Since thou, O leader of hosts, art first in rank and champion among the angels,

deliver from every oppression, sorrow, sickness, and sin

those who praise thee sincerely and openly implore thee!

Since thou art immaterial, thou dost clearly behold Him Who is without matter.

Thou shinest with the unapproachable light of the glory of the Lord,

Who in His love for man took flesh for our sakes from a Virgin,//

when He willed to save mankind.

***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 4** **Troparion**

O Commanders of the heavenly hosts,

we who are unworthy beseech you:

by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory,

and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to you://

“Deliver us from all harm, for you are the Commanders of the Powers on high!”

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 4** **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

The mystery of all eternity,

unknown even by Angels,

through thee, O Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:

God incarnate by union without confusion.

He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,

by which He resurrected the first-created man,//

saving our souls from death.

***(at Vigil)***

**Tone 4** **Troparion**

O Commanders of the heavenly hosts,

we who are unworthy beseech you:

by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory,

and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to you://

“Deliver us from all harm, for you are the Commanders of the Powers on high!” *(twice)*

**Tone 4 Troparion to the Theotokos**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,

Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!

Blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb,//

for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls. *(once)*

***(at the Divine Liturgy)***

**Tone 4** **Troparion**

O Commanders of the heavenly hosts,

we who are unworthy beseech you:

by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory,

and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to you://

“Deliver us from all harm, for you are the Commanders of the Powers on high!”

**Tone 2** **Kontakion**

Commanders of God’s armies

and ministers of the divine glory,

princes of the bodiless angels

and guides of mankind;

ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy,//

O Supreme Commanders of the Bodiless Hosts.

**Tone 4** **Prokeimenon**

He makes His angels spirits, / and His ministers a flame of fire. *(Ps. 103:5)*

V. *Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)*

**Epistle**

(305) Hebrews 2:2-10 *(Bodiless Powers)*

**Tone 5**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. *Praise Him, all His angels, praise Him, all His hosts! (Ps. 148:2)*

V. *For He spake, and they came into being; He commanded, and they were created. (Ps. 148:5)*

**Gospel**

(51) Luke 10:16-21 *(Bodiless Powers)*

**Communion Hymn**

He makes His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire. *(Ps. 103:5)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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