**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 You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your 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 You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

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

O Michael, the Chief Captain,

you have been revealed as the brightest attendant of the triply-radiant Godhead.

Together with the heavenly powers you cry out with joy:

“Holy are You, O Father,

Holy are You, O Word, also without beginning,

Holy are You, O Holy Spirit:

one glory, one kingdom, one nature,//

one Godhead and power!”

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

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

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

O Michael, first of Angels,

fiery is your appearance and miraculous your beauty!

You traverse creation by your immaterial nature,

fulfilling the commands of the Creator of all.

By your might you are known as powerful,//

and you have made your temple, honored by your holy name, a source of healings.

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

O Lord, You make Your angels spirits, as it is written,

and Your ministers a flaming fire.

You, O Word, have declared Chief Captain Michael

as first among the ranks of Your archangels:

He submits to Your commands,//

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

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

**Tone 4** *(for Archangel Gabriel) (You have given a sign)*

The Eternal Wisdom established you, 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 you with joy!

Illumine us, O Chief Captain Gabriel,//

the 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 you in love

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

the 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 your 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 you, O Virgin.

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

“At Your right hand stood the Queen,”

Your 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, you are the leader among the divine ranks,

and commander of the Powers on high.

As you ever walk with us all, preserving us from every assault of the devil,

today you 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 Your unapproachable divinity, O Lord,

and the pure intellects and ministers of Your glory praise You, 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 Your 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 are You, our God; glory to You!”

**Tone 6**

Standing in awe around Your throne of majesty,

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

Your Angels, the singers and ministers of Your counsel,

being sent forth by You,//

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 You with lips of fire,

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

Michael, the Chief Captain of the Powers on high

unceasingly offers a victory hymn to Your 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 Your praise,//

and through him You grant the world Your 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 you!”

**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 are You, O heavenly Father,

Holy are You, O co-eternal Word,//

Holy are You, 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 Ones,

who stand in glory before the fearsome throne,

witness of inexpressible things,

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

“Save us by your intercessions!”

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

O Michael, the Chief Captain,

you are first among the Bodiless Angels,

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

Save us who yearly honor you 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 you, O leader of hosts, are first in rank and champion among the Angels,

deliver from every oppression, sorrow, sickness, and sin

those who praise you sincerely and openly implore you!

Since you are immaterial, you clearly behold Him Who is without matter.

You shine 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 you, 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 you!

Blessed are you among women,

and blessed is the Fruit of your womb,//

for you have 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, You are 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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