

November 8
Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the other Bodiless Powers:
Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jegudiel, and Barachiel

Troparion:

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 to you: "Deliver us from all harm, for you are the commanders of the powers on high!"

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, supreme commanders of the Bodiless Hosts.

Steadfast Protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the Creator, despise not the entreating cry 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 ever protect those who honor you!

Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone (Angels):

He maketh His angels spirits and His ministers a flaming fire.

(Vs.) Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

Epistle:

The reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews. (Heb. 2:2-10)

Brethren, if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard Him, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His own will. For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that Thou carest for him? Thou didst make him for a little while lower than the angels, Thou hast crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, He left nothing outside His control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him. But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for every one. For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Alleluia Verses:

Praise the Lord, O ye angels of His! Praise Him, all His host!

(Vs.) For He spoke and they came into being; He commanded and they were created.

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke. (Chapter 10:16-21)

The Lord said to His disciples, "Anyone who hears you, hears me; and anyone who rejects you, rejects me; and anyone who rejects me, rejects the one who sent me." Now the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the devils are subject to us in your Name." But He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall as lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you power to tread upon snakes and scorpions, and over all the might of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. But do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; rejoice rather in this, that your names are written in heaven." In that very hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and prudent, and revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, for such was your good pleasure."