

**Sunday, November 8, 2020**  
**22nd Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 5**  
**Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers**

Troparion:

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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:

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as almighty; resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, and we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

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 5th Tone:

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!  
(vs.) Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

Tone 4 (Angels):

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

Epistle:

The reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians. (Gal 6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

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. (Heb 2:2-10)

Alleluia Verses:

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.  
(vs.) Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever, and my truth will be prepared in the heavens.

Tone 5 (Angels):

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

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke. (Chapter 8:41-56)

At that time behold, there came a man named Jairus to Jesus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at the feet of Jesus, he begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. (And it happened as He went that He was pressed upon by the crowds. And a certain woman who for twelve years had had a loss of blood, and had spent all her livelihood on physicians, but could not be cured by anyone, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak; and at once her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" But as all were denying it, Peter, and those who were with Him, said, "Master, the crowds throng and press upon you, and you ask, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceived that power had gone out from me." But the woman, seeing she had not escaped notice, came up trembling, and falling down at His feet, declared to Him in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been healed instantly. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace.") While He was yet speaking, there came one from the house of the ruler of the synagogue, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble Him." But Jesus on hearing this word answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only have faith and she shall be saved." And when He came to the house, He allowed no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the girl's father and mother. And all were weeping and mourning for her. But He said, "Do not weep; she is asleep, not dead." And they laughed at Him, knowing she was dead. But He, making them all get out, and taking her by the hand, cried out, saying, "Girl, arise!" And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. And He directed that something be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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. (Luke 10:16-21)