

8 NOVEMBER
+ The Bodiless Hosts

VESPERS

Lord I have cried

Tone 4

O Lord, I have cried to you, listen to me;
O Lord, listen to me.

O Lord, I have cried to you, listen to me;
Note the voice of my plea when I cry to you.
O Lord, listen to me.

² Let my prayer be directed before you like incense,
the raising of my hands be an evening sacrifice.
O Lord, listen to me.

S6: O Lord, if you mark offences, who will stand?
But there is forgiveness with you.

O Archangel Michael, you have been revealed as the bright messenger of the Divinity of three lights. Together with the heavenly powers you cry out, "Holy are you, O Father! Holy are you, O co-eternal Word! Holy are you, O Holy Spirit. *You are one glory, one kingdom, one-being, one divinity and one power.*"

S5: O Lord, I have waited for you for your name's sake;
my soul has waited for your word,
my soul has hoped in the Lord.

O Archangel Michael, your appearance is fiery and your beauty is miraculous. You pass over creation in *your* immaterial nature and accomplish the commands of the Creator of all. You are known as all powerful by your might. You have made the temples which are honoured by your holy name a source of healing.

S4: Let Israel hope in the Lord
from morning watch until night,
from morning watch.

O Word, since it is written, "You make your angels spirits and your ministers a flaming fire," you have revealed Michael as the first among the archangels. He submits to your commands and fearfully proclaims the thrice-holy hymn to your glory.

S3: For there is mercy with the Lord
and abundant redemption with *him*.
He will redeem Israel from all his offences.

O Gabriel, the eternal Wisdom has appointed you as a light to reflect divine things and illuminate the whole creation. You revealed to us the divine mystery hidden from before the ages, *that* God who is bodiless *is* incarnate in the womb of a virgin and has become man so that he might save the human race.

S2: Every nation, praise the Lord;
every people, acclaim him!

As you stand before the throne of the Divinity of three lights and are brilliant with the rays of its unfading light, save from the passions of darkness those on earth who praise you with joy. Illuminate them, O Archangel Gabriel and intercessor for our souls.

S1: For his mercy is strengthened over us
and the truth of the Lord remains for ever.

O archangel Gabriel, intercessor for our souls, destroy the mindless violence of Hagar's sons, the enemies who attack your flock. Heal the divisions of the Church, calm the storm of continuous temptations and save from danger and calamities those who honour you in love and hurry to your protection.

Glory: Tone 6

O princes of the angelic powers, rejoice with us, for your leader and our champion, the great prince of angels is revealed to us in his honourable temple and sanctifies it. Therefore we rightfully sing praises to him and cry out, "O Michael greatest archangel, save us under the protection of your wings."

Both now:

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Ranks of virgins rejoice with us, for today our defender and great refuge, protects us in her holy temple and fills it with divine grace. Therefore we rightfully sing her praises and cry out, "Most pure Theotokos, save us under the protection of your wings."

Entrance

Phos Ilarón

P/D: Wisdom! Stand upright!
O Jesus Christ, joyful light of the holy glory
of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father,
when we come to the setting of the sun
and see the light of evening,
we praise God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

For it is right at all times to worship you
with voices of praise,
O Son of God *and* Giver of life.
Therefore the world glorifies you.

Prokeimenon

Of the Day

Prophecy 1

Joshua meets the captain of the Lord's host.

From the Book of Joshua (5:13-15)

It came to pass that when Joshua was in Jericho, he looked up with his eyes and saw a man standing before him with a drawn sword in his hand. Then Joshua approached and said to him: Are you for us or against us? ¹⁴ He said to him: I am the chief captain of the Lord's host and have now come. ¹⁵ So Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and said to him: O Master, what do you command your servant? ¹⁶ And the captain of the Lord's host said to Joshua: Loose your shoe from your feet, for the place on which you now stand is holy. Then Joshua did this.

Prophecy 2

An angel appears to Gideon.

From the Book of Judges (6:2,7,11-24)

It came to pass on that day that the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel and they cried to the Lord. ¹¹ Then, see, an angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak, which was in Ephratha *on the land* of Joash. *There* Gideon his son was threshing wheat in a wine-press in order to escape from the observation of Midian. ¹² The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him: The Lord *is* with you, mighty one in strength. ¹³ And Gideon said to him: *Be gracious* with me, my Lord, but if the Lord *is* with us, why have these evils found us? And where are all his miracles, which our fathers have told us, saying: Surely the Lord brought us from Egypt? Now he has cast us out and given us into the hand of Midian. ¹⁴ Then the angel of the Lord regarded him and said: Go in this your strength, and you will save Israel from the hand of Midian. See, I have sent you. ¹⁵ Then Gideon said to him: *Be gracious* with me, my Lord; how can I save Israel? See, my thousand is weaker in Manasseh, and I am lesser in my father's house. ¹⁶ But the angel of the Lord said to him: The Lord will be with you and you will strike Midian as one man. ¹⁷ So Gideon said to him: If now I have found grace in your eyes, and you will do for me today all that you have spoken about with me, ¹⁸ do not leave here until I come to you. I will bring out an offering and offer it before you. So he said: I will remain until you return. ¹⁹ Then Gideon went in and prepared a kid of the goats, together with an ephah of fine unleavened flour. He put the flesh in the basket, poured the broth into the pot, brought them out to him under the oak and approached. ²⁰ Then the angel of God said to him: Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, put them on that rock and pour out the broth near them. So he did so. ²¹ Then the angel of the Lord stretched out the end of the rod that was in his hand and touched the flesh and the unleavened bread. Fire rose from the rock, consumed the flesh and the unleavened bread, then the angel of the Lord vanished from his sight. ²² When Gideon saw that he was an angel of the Lord, Gideon said: Woe *is me*, O Lord *my* Lord, for I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face! ²³ But the Lord said to him: Peace be with you; do not fear. You will not die. ²⁴ Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and called it: The Peace of the Lord, *as it is* until this day.

Prophecy 3

Michael the prince is close to the Son of Man.

From the Prophecy of Daniel (10:1-21)

In the third year of Cyrus king of the Persians something was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Beltsházzar. It was true, and great power and

understanding in the vision was given to him. ² In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three full weeks. ³ I ate no pleasant bread, and no flesh or wine entered my mouth, neither did I anoint myself with oil, until three whole weeks were accomplished. On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, I was near the great river, which is the Tigris. ⁴ I raised my eyes, looked, and, see, *there was a man clothed in linen whose loins were clothed with gold of Uphaz.* ⁵ His body was like Beryl and his face was the appearance of lightning. His eyes were like fiery lamps, and his arms and his legs like the appearance of shining brass, and the voice of his words was like the voice of a crowd. ⁶ Only I, Daniel, saw the vision. The men that were with me did not see the vision, but a great amazement fell on them, and they fled in fear. ⁷ So I was left alone, and saw this great vision. There was no strength left in me, my glory was turned into corruption, and I retained no strength. ⁸ I heard the voice of his words and, when I heard him, I was stunned and my face was on the ground. ⁹ Then see, a hand touched me and raised me on my knees. ¹⁰ He said to me: O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words which I speak to you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you. and when he had spoken to me this word, I stood trembling. ¹¹ And he said to me: Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that set your heart to understand and to afflict yourself before the Lord your God, your words were heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹² But the prince of the Persian Kingdom withstood me for twenty one days, and, see, Michael, one of the princes, came to help me and I left him there with the chief of the Persian Kingdom. ¹³ I have come to inform you about all that will happen to your people in the last days, for the vision still has many days to run. ¹⁴ When he had spoken to me with these words, I turned my face to the ground and was stunned. ¹⁵ And, see, as it were the likeness of a Son of Man touched my lips. I opened my mouth, spoke and said to the one who stood before me: O my lord, at the sight of you my bowels were upset inside me and I had no strength. ¹⁶ How can your servant, O my lord, speak with you my lord? As for me, from now on strength will not stay within me and there is no breath left in me. ¹⁷ Again there touched me, as it were, the appearance of a human and he strengthened me. ¹⁸ He said to me: Do not fear, man greatly beloved. Peace be to you; be courageous. When he had spoken to me, I received strength and said: Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me. ¹⁹ And he said: Do you know, why I have come to you? Now I will return to fight with the prince of the Persians. As I was entering the prince of the Greeks came. ²⁰ But I will tell you what is ordained in the scripture of truth. And there is no one that holds with me in these matters except Michael your prince.

Ektení

Prayer

O Lord, allow us this night to be guarded from sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers! Praised and glorified be your name for ever. Amen. O Lord, let your mercy be on us, for we have hoped in you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. Blessed are you, O Master; make me understand your statutes. Blessed are you, O Holy *One*; enlighten me with your statutes. O Lord, your mercy lasts for ever; do not overlook the work of your hands. To you belongs worship, to you belongs praise, to you belongs glory, to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

Plirotiká

Prayer

P: Peace be with you all. R: And with your spirit
D: Bow down your heads to the Lord. R: To you, O Lord.

P: For blessed and glorified is the power of your Kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

Lití

Tone 4

O Christ our God, the Cherubim praise you with lips of fire and the ranks of archangels glorify you with immaterial mouths. Truly Michael, prince of the powers above, offers continual songs of praise to your glory. He has enlightened us so that we might form a brilliant assembly and sing the thrice-holy praise with the lips of dawn. Truly all have been filled with your praise through which you grant the inhabited earth great mercy.

Apósticha

Tone 1

Let us who in the world celebrate like the angels, sing out to God who sits on the throne of glory, "Holy are you, heavenly Father! Holy are you, co-eternal Word! Holy are you, most Holy Spirit!"

S1: He makes his angels spirits

and his ministers tongues of fire. Ps 103

O Archangel Michael, you are first in boldness among the heavenly *ranks*, stand in glory before the terrible throne *and* witness ineffable things. We, who are in danger, need and temptation, cry out to you, "Save us through your intercessions."

S2: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

O Lord my God, you are highly exalted. Ps 103

O Archangel Michael, you are first among the bodiless hosts. You are the minister of fire and a witness of the mysteries of God. Save us who annually and reverently honour you, for we faithfully sing the praises of the Trinity.

Glory: Both now: Tone 8

O leader of hosts, since you are first in rank and an archangel, save from every oppression, sorrow, sickness and sin those who praise you humbly and plead with you. Since you are bodiless, you see the one who is without matter. You shine with the unapproachable and glorious light of the Lord, who took flesh for our sake from a virgin in his love when he determined to save the human race.

Song of Simeon

B/P: O Master, now let your servant depart in peace according to your word,

² for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before all peoples,

³ a light of revelation for *the* nations and *the* glory of your people Israel.

Trisagion Prayers

Apolytíka

Tone 4

O supreme leaders of the heavenly hosts, although we are unworthy, we continually implore you to shelter us through your prayers under the wings of your ethereal glory. Guard us who fall down and cry out insistently, "Rescue us from dangers, for you are the commanders of the powers above."

Tone 4

O Theotokos, the mystery hidden from eternity and unknown to the angels, is revealed to those on earth through you. God was incarnate from you in a union without confusion and freely endured the cross for us by his own will. He raised the first-formed man and has saved our souls from death.

Dismissal

ORTHROS

God is the Lord Ps 117

R: God is the Lord and has appeared to us.

Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord's name. Ps 117

S1: Thank the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy lasts for ever.

S2: All the nations surrounded me, but I opposed them in the Lord's name.

S3: This *is* the Lord's doing and it is wonderful in our eyes.

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Small Litany

P: For yours is the might, and yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

Kathisma 1

Tone 1

O prince of the ranks of the bodiless ministers, as you stand before God and are brilliant with distant illumination, delight and sanctify those who praise you with faith. Save them from every persecution of the enemy. Grant a peaceful life to kings and every territory.

Glory: Both now:

O Theotokos, we are your servants and will never be silent in singing the sincere praises about your mercy. O Lady, we cry aloud and say, "Most holy Virgin, hurry to save us from visible and invisible enemies, and from every threat, for you always rescue us from every danger.

Kathisma 2

Tone 4

O most merciful Christ, our Creator, God and Master, the many-eyed Cherubim and Seraphim, the hosts of ministering archangels, the virtues, thrones, dominions, angels, principalities and powers always implore you not to turn away from the pleas of sinners.

Glory: Both now:

O Christ our God, hurry to obstruct the enemies by whom we were once captured and who blaspheme against you when they threaten us. Only Lover of the human race, by your cross confuse those who fight against us, so that they may come to recognise the power of the Orthodox Faith through the prayers of the Theotokos.

(Polyeleos)

Kathisma 3

O Michael and Gabriel, two leaders of the heavenly angels, *you are* pre-eminent in wonder, elevated on thrones of glory, princes of the hosts and servants of the Master. Intercede, together with all the bodiless powers, for the forgiveness of our sins, so that we may find mercy and grace on the day of judgement.

Glory: Both now:

O Full of Grace, pure and blessed *Lady*, join the Powers above, the Archangels and all the bodiless hosts, in continually pleading with the One who was born from you. Through his compassionate mercy may he grant us forgiveness before the end, purification from our sins and correction of life, so that we may find mercy.

Small Litany

P: For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

Anaváthmi Ps 128 Tone 4

¹ Many passions have fought against me from my youth,
but help me and save me, O my Saviour. *X2*

² Those who hate Zion will be shamed by the Lord;
they will be withered like grass by the fire. *X2*

Glory:

³ Every soul lives through the Holy Spirit, is exalted in purity
and illuminated by the Triune Unity in a sacred mystery.

Both now:

⁴ The streams of grace pour out through the Holy Spirit;
they water all creation and produce life.

Prokeímenon Ps 104 Tone 4

R: He makes his angels spirits

and his ministers tongues of fire.

S: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Gospel Dialogue

P/D: Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord have mercy*

P: For you, O God, are holy *and* rest in the Holy Place. We send up glory to you, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*.

R: Let everything with breath praise the Lord. *X3*

Praise God in his saints;

praise him in the firmament of his power. *Ps 50*

P/D: And that we may be counted worthy to listen to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord our God. *Lord have mercy X3*

P/D: Wisdom. Stand up. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

P: Peace be with you all. *And with your spirit*

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

P/D: Let us attend

R: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Gospel

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke (18:10-20)

The Lord said, "See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵ "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

R: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Psalm 50

O God, have mercy on me in your abundant mercy

and wipe out my offence through your great compassion.

⁴ Wash me thoroughly from my lawless act
and cleanse me from my sin.

⁵ For I know my lawlessness
and my sin is always before me.

⁶ I have sinned against you alone
and done this evil before you

^{6b} so that you might be justified in your words
and overcome when you are judged.

⁷ For see, I was conceived in lawlessness
and my mother gave birth to me in sin.

⁸ For see, you have loved truth

and revealed to me the hidden and secret *things* of your wisdom.

⁹ You will sprinkle me with hyssop and I will be clean;
you will wash me and I will become whiter than snow.

¹⁰ You will make me hear about joy and gladness;
the humbled bones will rejoice.

¹¹ Turn your face from my sins
and wipe out all my lawlessness.

¹² O God, create a pure heart within me
and renew an upright spirit within me.

¹³ Do not banish me from your presence
or remove your Holy Spirit from me.

¹⁴ Restore the joy of your salvation to me
and make me firm with your directing Spirit.

¹⁵ I will teach the lawless your ways
and the ungodly will return to you.

¹⁶ O God, set me free from the guilt of blood;

- O God of my salvation,
my tongue will rejoice in your justice.
- ¹⁷ O Lord, you will open my lips
and my mouth will proclaim your praise.
- ¹⁸ For if you had wanted sacrifice, I would have given it;
you will not be pleased with burnt offerings.
- ¹⁹ Sacrifice for God is a broken spirit;
God will not despise a broken and humbled heart.
- ²⁰ O Lord, be good to Zion in your pleasure
and let the walls of Jerusalem be built.
- ²¹ Then you will be pleased with a sacrifice of justice,
with an offering and burnt sacrifices;
then they will offer calves on your altar.

Glory: Tone 6

O merciful *Lord*, blot out the abundance of our offences through the prayers of the bodiless hosts.

Both now:

O merciful *Lord*, blot out the abundance of our offences through the prayers of the Theotokos.

Have mercy:

O divine bodiless *host*, intelligent beings, you surround the immaterial bodiless throne and sing the Trisagion to God the King. "Holy God, the eternal Father! Holy mighty, the Son co-eternal with him! Holy immortal, the consubstantial Spirit, glorified with the Father and the Son."

Intercession

P/D: O God, save your people and bless your inheritance. Visit your world with mercy and compassion; exalt the horn of Orthodox Christians and send down on them your rich mercy, through the prayers of our all-pure Lady, Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary, by the power of the honourable and life-giving cross, through the protection of the honourable bodiless powers of heaven, through the prayers of the honourable, glorious, prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John, of the holy, glorious, all-praised apostles, of the holy, all-praised and victorious martyrs, of our holy and God-bearing fathers, of the holy and just forebears of God, Ioachim and Anna, and of all the saints. We ask you, only merciful Lord, "Listen to us sinners as we pray to you, and have mercy on us."

Lord have mercy. X12

Through the mercy, compassion and love for the human race of your uniquely-fathered Son, with whom you are blessed, together with the all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

Kontákion

Tone 2

O Commanders of God's armies, servants of the divine glory, guides of men, supreme commanders of the bodiless hosts, request whatever is good for us and for great mercy, for you are the princes of the bodiless angels.

Íkos

O Lover of the human race, O immortal *Lord*, you have said in your Scriptures that there is great rejoicing among the angels in heaven over one repentant sinner. Therefore, although we are sinful, we are continually bold to implore you, only sinless *Lord* and Searcher of hearts, to take pity on us, for you are the all-merciful *Lord*. O Master, send us contrition and pardon, for we have as advocates the princes of the bodiless angels.

Synaxáron

Today we celebrate the synaxis of the angelic leaders, Michael, Gabriel and all the bodiless powers. The other five archangels are Raphael, Uriel, Salathiel, Jegudiel, Barachiel and Jeremiel. In Hebrews 1:14 we read that the angels are sent to help those who will inherit salvation. On the Eighth we sincerely glorify the captains of the heavenly hosts.

We call to mind the nine orders of angels: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Principalities, Authorities, Princes, Powers, Archangels and Angels.

We also remember:

Abbot Tyssilio of Meifod in Wales C7

Holy Effrosyni the Younger C9-10

O God, have mercy on us through their holy prayers. Amen.

Katavasías

1: I will open my mouth and be filled with the spirit. I will sing a song to the Queen and Mother. I will come, rejoice in the feast and praise her entrance.

3: O Theotokos, living and inexhaustible fountain, strengthen those who are united in spiritual fellowship and who sing your praises. Make them worthy *to receive* crowns of glory at the time of your solemn entrance.

4: The counsel of God cannot be scrutinised. The Most High was incarnate from a Virgin. The prophet Habakkuk foresaw this and cried, "Glory to your power, O God!"

5: O Virgin, all creation was fearful at the sight of your solemn entrance, for although you knew no man, you entered the temple of God, as a most pure temple yourself. You order salvation for all who praise you.

6: O devout people, come and clap hands while we observe this divine and most precious feast of the Mother of God. Let us glorify God who was born from her.

7: The devout youths worshipped the Creator rather than created things. They courageously trampled on the threatening fire and joyfully sang, "Blessed are you, most praised Lord, the God of our fathers."

8: Let us praise, bless and worship the Lord. The *Lord* who was born from the Theotokos saved the holy children in the furnace. The one who was then prefigured has now been born on earth and gathers the whole inhabited earth to sing, "All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord and exalt him above all for ever.

Ode 9

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My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour. R:

R: *You are* more honourable than the Cherubim
and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim.
You gave birth to God the Word without defilement;
O true Theotokos, we glorify you.

² For he has regarded his servant's humility;
see, from now all generations will call me blessed. R:

³ For the Almighty has accomplished great *things* for me
and his name is holy.

His mercy is from generation to generation
on those who fear him. R:

⁴ He has accomplished strength with his arm
and scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. R:

⁵ He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones
and exalted the humble.

He has satisfied the hungry with good *things*
and dismissed the rich with nothing. R:

⁶ He has helped his servant Israel
in remembering his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and his seed for ever. R:

9: Let every earthborn mortal spiritually rejoice and carry lamps. be radiant and spiritually leap for joy. Let the ranks of angelic powers celebrate as they honour the holy entrance of the Theotokos and cry, "Hail, O pure and blessed Ever-virgin who gave birth to God!"

Small Litany

P: For all the powers of heaven praise you, and to you we send up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

Exaposteilária

Tone 3

O Archangel Michael, God the Creator has revealed you as a champion and guide for the human race, *and* a gracious guardian. He has honoured you with glory in an ineffable manner so that you may continually sing to him the triumphant Trisagion.

O Archangel, as you reflect the extreme brilliance of the Trinity, you pass over the entire creation like lightning and accomplish the divine commands, guarding, preserving and protecting those who joyfully praise you.

Praises

Tone 1

Let everything with breath
praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
To you, O God, is due a song.

Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his powers.
To you, O God, is due a song.

S4: Praise him with cymbal and dance;
praise him with strings and flute.

O Archangel Michael, *you are* the commander of the heavenly hosts, the strong defence, guardian and saviour of the human race. We the faithful sing your praises and pray that we may be saved from sickness and sin.

S3: Praise him with tuneful cymbals;
praise him with joyful cymbals.
Let everything with breath praise the Lord.

O Archangel Michael, *you are* the commander of the heavenly hosts, the strong defence, guardian and saviour of the human race. We the faithful sing your praises and pray that we may be rescued from sickness and sin.

S2: He makes his angels spirits
and his ministers tongues of fire. Ps 103

Today the commander of the divine powers above calls us to make a single choir with the angels in order to praise the joyful feast of their divine assembly and sing the thrice-holy hymn with them.

S1: Bless the Lord, O my soul;
O Lord my God, you are highly exalted. Ps 103

O Michael, heavenly wisdom, we take refuge in faith under the divine shadow of your wings. Guard and protect our lives; help us all in the hour of death.

Glory: Tone 5

O Archangel, the Devil flees from the shadow of your grace, for the fallen Star of Morning cannot bear your light. Therefore we implore you to quench his flaming arrows and save us from his snares.

Both now:

O virgin Theotokos, city which cannot be shaken, wall which cannot be moved, firm defender and refuge of our souls, we bless you and faithfully give you glory.

Great Doxology

Glory to you who have shown us the light!
glory to God in the highest!
Peace on earth and goodwill to men!

² We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we thank you for your great glory,

³ O Lord King, heavenly God, almighty Father,

O Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,
and you, O Holy Spirit!

⁴ O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us,

for you take away the sin of the world.

⁵ Receive our prayer,

for you sit on the right of the Father,
and have mercy on us.

⁶ For only you are holy, only you are Lord,

O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

⁷ I will bless you every day

and always praise your name for ever and ever. Ps 144

⁸ O Lord, allow us this day

to be guarded from sin.

⁹ Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers!

Praised and glorified be your name for ever. *Amen.* Daniel 3

¹⁰ O Lord, let your mercy *be* on us,

for we have hoped in you. Ps 32.

¹⁶ Blessed are you, O Lord!

Teach me your statutes. X3 Ps 118

¹² O Lord, you have been our refuge

from generation to generation. Ps 89

I said, "O Lord, have mercy on me;

heal my soul, for I have sinned against you." Ps 40

¹⁴ O Lord, I have fled to you;

teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Ps 142

¹⁵ For with you is the source of life

and in your light we will see light. Ps 35

¹⁶ Stretch out your mercy

to those who know you. Ps 35

Triságion**Apolytikion**

Tone 4

O supreme leaders of the heavenly hosts, although we are unworthy, we continually implore you to shelter us through your prayers under the wings of your ethereal glory. Guard us who fall down and cry out insistently, "Rescue us from dangers, for you are the commanders of the powers above."

LITURGY**Antiphon 1 Ps 91 Tone 5**

S1: It is good to thank the Lord
and make melody to your name, O Most High.

R: At the prayers of the Theotokos, Saviour, save us!

S2: To announce your mercy in the morning
and your truth by night,

S3: For the Lord our God is upright
and there is no injustice in him.

S4: Glory: Both now:

Antiphon 2 Ps 92 Tone 2

S1: The Lord reigns *and* is clothed with majesty;
the Lord has put on power and clothed himself.

R: Save us, O Son of God. You are wonderful in your saints.
We sing to you, "Alleluia!"

S2: For he founded the world which will not be moved.

S3: O Lord, holiness is right for your house
to length of days.

S4: Glory: Both now:

Monogenes

Antiphon 3 Ps 94 Tone 4

S1: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord,
and shout with joy to God our Saviour.

R: O supreme leaders of the heavenly hosts, although we are unworthy, we continually implore you to shelter us through your prayers under the wings of your ethereal glory. Guard us who fall down and cry out insistently, "Rescue us from dangers, for you are the commanders of the powers above."

S2: Let us enter his presence with thanksgiving
and gladly cry to him with psalms,
For the Lord is a great God
and a high king over all the earth.

Entrance Ps 94

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.
Save us, O Son of God.
You are wonderful in your saints.
We sing to you, "Alleluia!"

Apolytikia

Tone 4

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Of the Church

Kontákion

Tone 4

The most pure temple of the Saviour, the precious chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit which the angels of God praise. Truly this woman is the dwelling place of Heaven.

Prokeimenon Ps 103 Tone 4

R: He makes his angels spirits
and his ministers tongues of fire.
S: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Apóstolos

From the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews (2:2-10)
Brothers, if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every offence and disobedience received a just recompense; ³how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation - which at the first having been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard; ⁴ God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders, and by various works of power, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his own will? ⁵ For he did not subject the world to come, whereof we speak, to angels. ⁶ But one has somewhere testified, saying, "What is man, that you think of him? Or the son of man, that you care for him? ⁷ You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honour and set him over the works of your hands. ⁸ You have put all things in subjection under his feet." For in that he subjected all things to him, he left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not see all things subjected to him, yet. ⁹ But we see the one who has been made a little lower than the angels, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that by God's grace he should taste of death for everyone. ¹⁰ For it became him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many children to glory, to make the author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Alleluia Ps 148 Tone 2

S1: Praise the Lord from the heavens.
praise him in the heights.
S2: Praise him, all his angels.

Gospel

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke (10:16-21)
The Lord said to his disciples, "The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects the one who sent me." ¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" ¹⁸

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And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." ²¹ In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

Communion Ps 103

You make your angels spirits
and your ministers tongues of fire. Alleluia!