THE ROLE OF ANGELS IN GOD'S CREATION

The Nicene Creed proclaims that God is the "Creator of Heaven and earth, and of all things, visible and invisible." Just who are these invisible entities created by our Heavenly Father? They are angels. According to the Scriptures and Holy Tradition, the Orthodox Church has provided us with the names of seven leaders of the heavenly powers. Perhaps the best known is the Archangel Michael. Michael in Hebrew means "Who is equal to God?" Of course, no one is like God - that is why he captained the army that drove Lucifer from heaven, for in his pride, Lucifer believed himself to be God's equal. Gabriel ("power of God") is known for being God's chosen messenger. He is best remembered for announcing to the Virgin Mary that she was to give birth to Christ. Raphael means "God's healing." For this reason, he is often depicted holding a physician's jar in his hand. The fourth angel with which we are familiar is Uriel - "light of God." We usually see Uriel holding a sword in his right hand and a burning branding iron in his left. Angel #5 - Jegudiel - literally means "one who glorifies God." We often find Jegudiel bearing a golden wreath in one hand and a whip in the other. Barachiel, another of the angels known by name, is commonly found wearing a white rose on his breast. His name is translated as "the blessing of God." Finally, we find the angel Salathiel - "one who prays with God." Fittingly enough, Salathiel is depicted in a posture of prayer, with hands folded and head bowed. What purpose do angels serve? They constantly minister at God's Holy Throne. They are God's messengers, who serve Him in whatever way He desires. Finally, they fill the important role as our protectors and guardians.

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SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Very Rev. Father Gabriel Karam, Pastor
Saturday Great Vespers 6:00 p.m. - Sunday Orthros 9:15 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. - Confessions: By Appointment

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2026

TONE 6 / EOTHINON 1

THE SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL AND ALL THE BODILESS POWERS OF HEAVEN

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

Angelic Powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ARCHANGELS IN TONE FOUR

Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of the Heavens, * we, the unworthy, importune and beseech you * that by your supplications ye encircle us * in the shelter of the wings * of your immaterial glory; * guarding us who now fall down * and cry to you with fervor: * Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, * as the great marshals of the heavenly hosts on high.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliver of Captives: And defender of the Poor, Healer of the Infirm, champion of Kings, Victorious Great Martyr George, Intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

We Celebrate Today

On November 8 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Synaxis of the **Supreme Commanders Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**, and of the other bodiless and heavenly orders, the Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Powers, Authorities, Principalities, Archangels and Angels.

Fain a fitting song would I fitly sing thee, but a song immaterial I have not, O **Michael**.
Seeing thee, the great Angel of joy, O **Gabriel**, I greatly rejoice, and fly upon wings of longing.
Sent from on high as a minister of mercies, **Raphael** comforteth all them that invoke thee.
The eighth honoreth the Princes of the celestial orders.

Dionysius the Areopagite, a disciple of the Apostle Paul who was taken up into the third heaven (II Cor. 12:2), described the nine orders of angels in his book, *On the Celestial Hierarchies*. The Apostle Paul says all angels are ministering spirits to them who shall be heirs of salvation (Heb. 1:14). The Archangel Michael leads the angelic hosts. When Satan fell away from God and drew a third of the angels with him to destruction, Michael stood up and cried out before the faithful angels: "Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear! Let us attend!" and all of the faithful angelic heavenly hosts cried out: "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!" The Archangel Gabriel proclaimed the news of the conceptions of John the Baptist and our Lord Jesus Christ to their mothers, Elizabeth and the Ever-virgin Mary (Luke 1). The Archangel Raphael healed Tobit of his blindness (Tobit 11) and freed his daughter-in-law, Sarah, from a demon (Tobit 6). Every nation and Christian has a guardian angel. We must always remember that whatever we do, in open or in secret, we do in the presence of our guardian angel. By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+Healing & Recovery Bishop Nicholas, Fr. Paul . Dea.Terry. Kh. Janet . Joy Logue. Dolores Nosser. Rick Collins. George Michael Nasif. Lynne Abraham. Pam Smith. Irene Tzotzolas. Michael Farris. Athena. Georgia. Andrea Simon. Chuck Abraham. Carla Leese. Drew . Robert Taylor. Gregory Thomas. Helen Abraham. Hannah Bonelli.

+Birthdays & Anniversaries Nov. Nancy Thomas, (10), Joni Nosser, Ellis Thomas (12). Morgan Tzotzolas (13). George & Miriam Jabour (18), Jake Dornbusch, Timmie Fedell (19). David Leese (21), Jackson Randall Wright (22).

+The Nativity Lent: Is divided into 2 Periods: (1)- Nov.15 through Dec. 19 when traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish &wine) is observed daily, with katalysis for wine & fish on Mon. Tue. Thur. Sat. & Sun. (2)- The period of the forefeast, Dec.20-25. When the traditional strict fasting is observed all days of the week.

+ 120th. Anniversary's Celebration for St. George Church. Save the Date November 14 &15. His Grace Bishop Nicholas will be with us. **A Historic picture of the church family will be taken with his grace and Fr. Gabriel. Bring your elderly parents and children, and be a part of a historical event to remember.**

+Up Coming: Parish Council Meeting Tuesday Nov.17th @ 6pm

+Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, Saturday November 21.

The Church Fathers Teach

It appears, indeed, that even before this world an order of things existed of which our mind can form an idea... The birth of the world was preceded by a condition of things suitable for the exercise of supernatural powers, outstripping the limits of time, eternal and infinite. The Creator and Demiurge of the universe perfected His works in it, spiritual light for the happiness of all who love the Lord, intellectual and invisible natures, all the orderly arrangement of pure intelligences who are beyond the reach of our mind and of whom we cannot even discover the names. They fill the essence of this invisible world, as Paul teaches us. "For by him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible whether they be thrones or dominions or principalities or powers" or virtues or hosts of angels or the dignities of archangels.

Saint Basil the Great (The Hexameron, Homily 1,5, Nicene and Post Nicene Fathers, series II, Vol VIII, p54)

DIVINE LITURGY NOVEMBER 08, 2026

"DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM"

THE SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL AND ALL THE BODILESS POWERS OF HEAVEN

THE EPISTLE

(For the Archangels)

He makes his angels spirits, and his ministers flames of fire. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (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 everyone. 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.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Seventh Sunday of Luke)

The reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

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5:00 PM — Vespers with His Grace
Bishop Nicholas of Miami & the Southeast

6:00 PM — Join us in Baroudy Hall

Keynote Speaker: Keith Fulcher

Keith is the grandson of Minnie Farris Nohra who attended St. George

Reception to follow.

RSVP appreciated. Please text or call 601-750-4243.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026

10:30 AM — Divine Liturgy with His Grace
Bishop Nicholas of Miami & the Southeast

St. George group picture will be taken immediately following Divine Liturgy, including all extended St. George family.

Lunch following in Baroudy Hall

Family and friends are encouraged to join us as we celebrate 120 years of Orthodoxy in Vicksburg.

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