

**Vesper Propers, November 8, 2009**  
**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

**THE SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL THE ANGELIC POWERS.** In the time of Pope Sylvester of Rome and Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria, this feast was established to honor Michael and Gabriel the Archangels, and all the holy bodiless powers of heaven in their nine choirs: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.

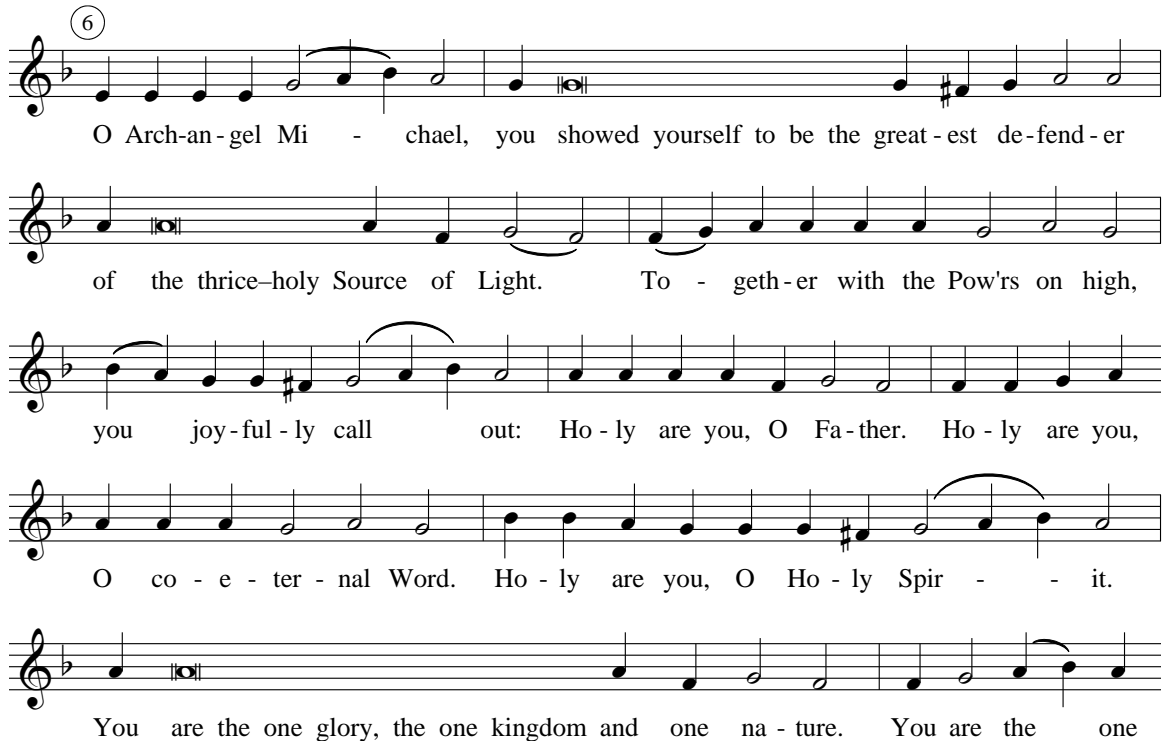
*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 82), stichera 10-7.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?  
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

**Stichera of the holy archangel Michael - Tone 4 samohlasen**

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O Arch-an- gel Mi - chael, you showed yourself to be the great - est de - fend - er  
of the thrice - holy Source of Light. To - geth - er with the Pow'rs on high,  
you joy - ful - ly call out: Ho - ly are you, O Fa - ther. Ho - ly are you,  
O co - e - ter - nal Word. Ho - ly are you, O Ho - ly Spir - - it.  
You are the one glory, the one kingdom and one na - ture. You are the one



Di - vin - i - ty and Pow'r.

**Cantor:** My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.



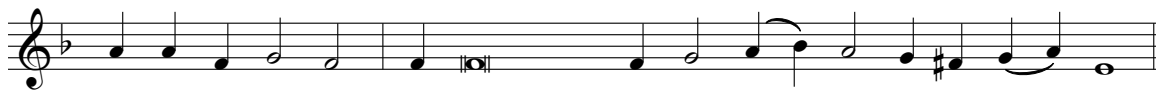
O Arch-an - gel Mi - chael, you are like a fire, and awe-some is your



god - li - ness. By your bod - i - less nature, you cross the ends of the earth,



ful - fill - ing the commands of the Cre - a - tor of all. You also make your Church a

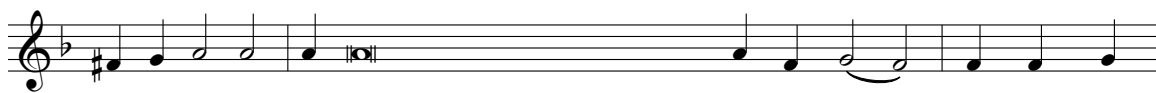


foun - tain of heal - ings. You are venerated be - cause of your ho - ly call - ing.

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.



You made the winds your mes - sen - ger and flaming fire your servant, just as



it is writ - ten. A - mong the ranks of your archan - gels, O Lord, you have shown



Mi - chael the Archangel to be the lead - er. He is o - be - dient to your

com-mands, O Word. With fear he sings the thrice-ho-ly hymn to your glo - ry.

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
*(on 3)* Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of the holy archangel Gabriel -Tone 4 samohlasen**

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By divine grace, O Ga - bri - el, the eternal Intelligence created you to be a

sec-ond light. You were to illu-mine the whole world that you might reveal

a divine and truly great mys-te - ry which had been hid-den from e - ter - ni - ty:

that God who is bodiless was made flesh in a vir-gin womb and be-came

man to save the hu - man race.

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations,  
*(on 2)* acclaim him all you peoples!

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O Gabriel, you stand before the throne of the thrice-ho-ly Source of Light,

glis - tening with ce - les - tial splen-dor. We on earth joyfully dance and sing your

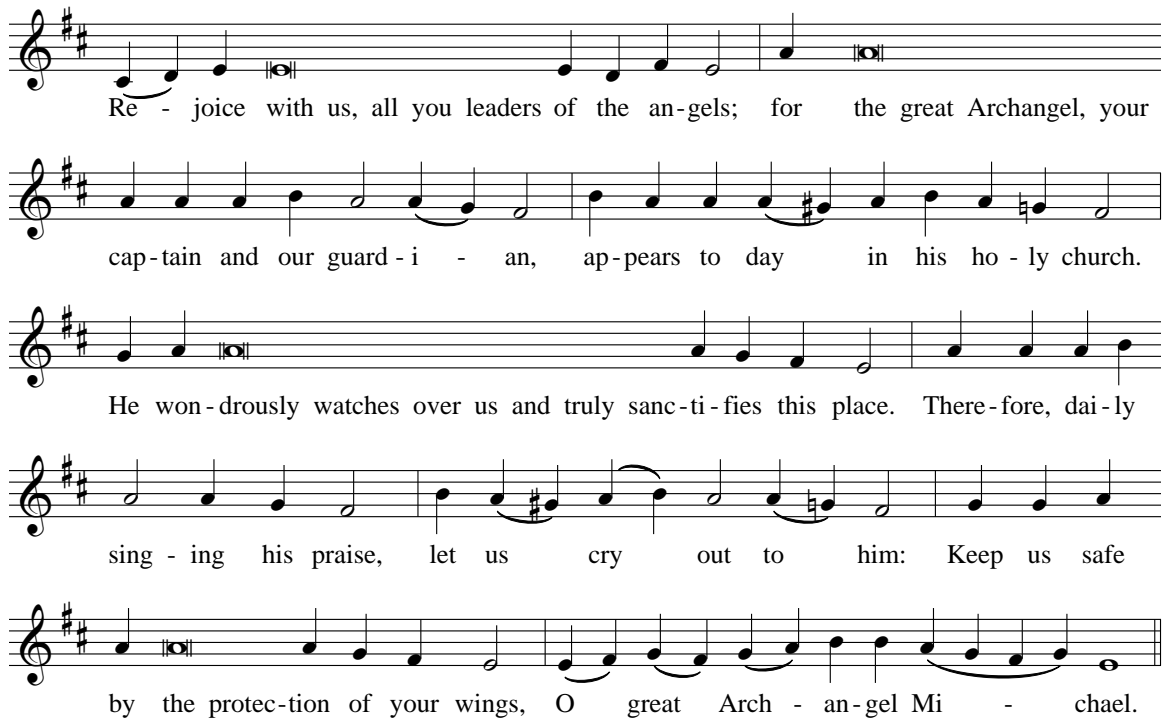
prais - es. O lead - er of the heav - en - ly hosts, O in - ter - ces - sor  
 for our souls, de - liver us from the darkness of our pas - sions by il - lu - min - ing  
 us with your light.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
*(on I)* he is faithful forever.

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 O Gabriel, leader of the heav - en - ly hosts, and interces - sor for our souls,  
 crush the boldness of those who at - tack your flock. Put an end to schisms  
 with - in the Church. Calm the storm of number - less temp - ta - tions.  
 De - liver from trial and trib - u - la - tion all those who loving - ly ven - er - ate you  
 and hasten to pro - tect us with the shad - ow of your wings.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Doxastikon of the holy archangel Michael - Tone 6 samohlasen**



Re - jice with us, all you leaders of the an-gels; for the great Archangel, your  
cap-tain and our guard - i - an, ap-pears to day in his ho - ly church.  
He won-drously watches over us and truly sanc-ti-fies this place. There-fore, dai-ly  
sing - ing his praise, let us cry out to him: Keep us safe  
by the protec-tion of your wings, O great Arch - an-gel Mi - chael.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 87)*

*The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, p. 12*

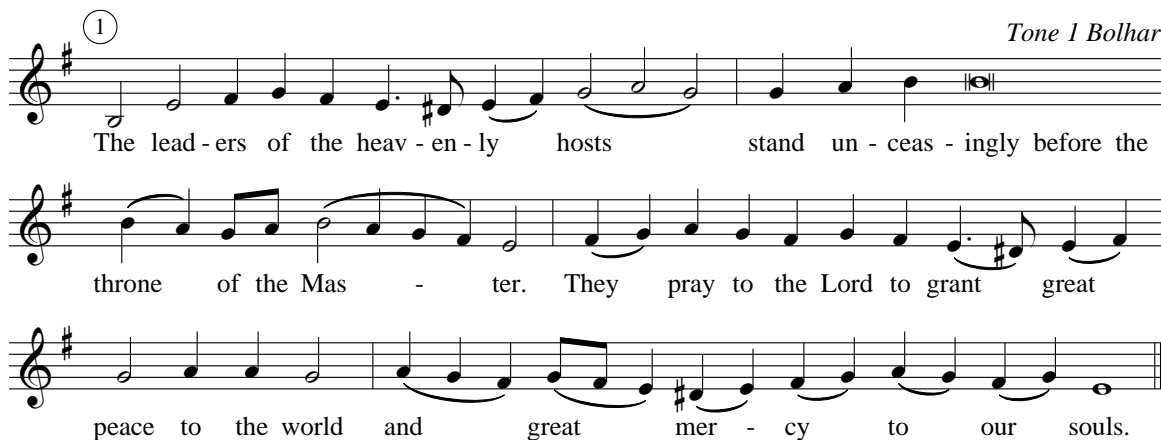
*Prokeimena for weekdays, pp. 114 - 115*

**Readings:** Joshua 5: 13 - 15  
Judges 6: 7 and 11 - 24  
Isaiah 14: 6 - 20

## Litija

*Tone 1 Bolhar*

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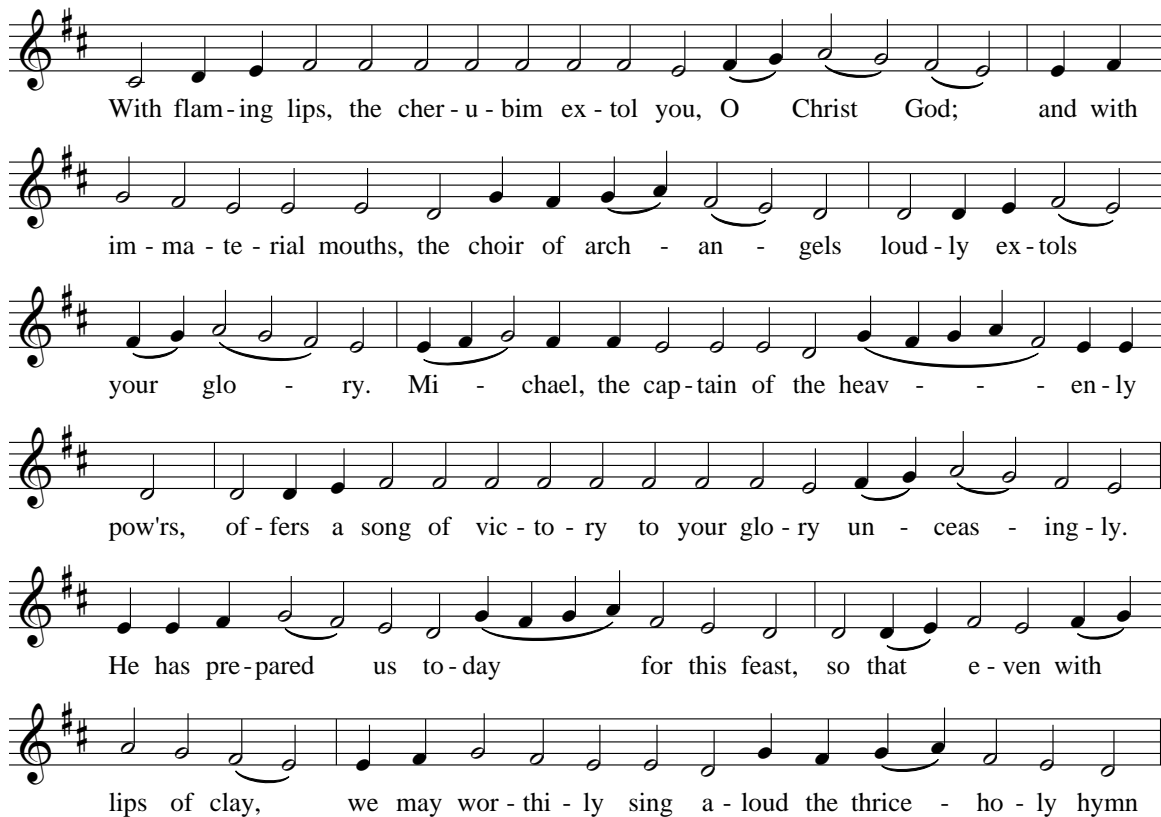


The lead-ers of the heav-en-ly hosts stand un-ceas-ingly before the  
throne of the Mas-ter. They pray to the Lord to grant great  
peace to the world and great mer-cy to our souls.

**Cantor:** *(Tone 4) Glory...now...*

## Doxastikon

*Tone 4 Bolhar*



With flam-ing lips, the cher-u-bim ex-tol you, O Christ God; and with  
im-ma-te-rial mouths, the choir of arch-an-gels loud-ly ex-tols  
your glo-ry. Mi-chael, the cap-tain of the heav-en-ly  
pow'rs, of-fers a song of vic-to-ry to your glo-ry un-ceas-ing-ly.  
He has pre-pared us to-day for this feast, so that e-ven with  
lips of clay, we may wor-thi-ly sing a-loud the thrice-ho-ly hymn



as it is in the psalms. All cre - a - tion is filled with the  
 praise of you, O Christ. For this rea - son you give  
 great mer - cy to the world.

*Litija Litany p.116*

### **Aposticha**

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 88), concluding with*

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the holy archangel Michael - Tone 8 samohlasen**



O Arch-an-gel, since you are a sol - dier and lead-er of the heav-en-ly hosts  
 and the cap - tain of the angels, O glo-rious one, de - liv - er from ev - 'ry  
 wor - ry and care, from ill - ness - es and bit - ter sins, those who  
 faith - fully extol and be - seech you. You see the Lord who is Spir - it;  
 you are il - lu - mined by the unapproachable light of the Mas - ter's glo - ry.

For he, out of love for all peo - ple, be - came incarnate of the Vir - gin  
for our sake. By this, he wished to save the hu - man race.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 8, p. 110).*

### Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection, in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 91).*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory...

**Troparion of the holy archangel Michael - Resurrection Tone 4**

Lead - ers of the heav - en - ly ar - mies, al - though we are unworthy, we al - ways  
be - seech you to for - ti - fy us by your pray'rs and to shel - ter us beneath  
the wings of your sub - lime glo - ry. Watch over us who bow to you and cry out  
fer - vent - ly: De - liv - er us from dan - ger, for you are the com - mand - ers  
of the pow - ers on high.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 4, p. 68).*